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EYES OF WORLD ARE CENTRED ON CRITICAL SITUATION IN BALKANS: JAPANESE MOVE IN FAR EAST TO SYNCHRONISE WITH AXIS PLANS?

Opposition In Bulgaria To Passage Of German Troops: Significant Warning By Australian Labour Leader

THE RAPID AND CRITICAL MOVEMENTS IN THE BALKANS ARE ATTRACTING THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD, STATES A MESSAGE FROM SYDNEY YESTERDAY. A FEW HOURS AFTER IT HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED ON MONDAY THAT BRITAIN HAD RECALLED HER MINISTER TO RUMANIA IT WAS REPORTED THAT NAZI SHOCK TROOPS, WHO TOOK PART IN THE FIGHTING IN FRANCE, ARE NOW READY TO MARCH INTO BULGARIA.

In spite of reports that some Ministers of the Bulgarian Government are opposing the passage of German troops it is expected that Bulgaria will submit to the German demands.

THE ATTITUDE OF RUSSIA IS STILL UNCERTAIN EVEN AT THIS CRUCIAL STAGE BUT THERE IS A GROWING FEELING, ADDS THE SYDNEY MESSAGE, THAT SHE WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE PASSAGE OF GERMAN SOLDIERS THROUGH BULGARIA.

The message also stated that Britain had warned M. Filoff, the Bulgarian Prime Minister, that she would consider the passage of German troops through Bulgarian territory as a hostile act.

IT IS CONSIDERED LIKELY THAT IN SUCH AN EVENT BRITAIN WILL BE COMPELLED TO BREAK OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA TOO.

FRANCO ON WAY TO MEET MUSSOLINI AND WILL ALSO PROBABLY SEE HITLER

LONDON, Feb. 11 (Reuters)—It is confirmed that GEN. FRANCO is passing through France on his way to meet SIGNOR MUSSOLINI and probably HERR HITLER.

On his return he will see MARSHAL PETAIN who today left for the Riviera for a short rest.

The Spanish Ambassador to the Vichy Government, Senor Llerena, has left Vichy for the port of Kou on the Franco-Spanish frontier where he will meet Gen. Franco. Senor Suner, states the Swiss Radio today.

The announcer added that according to news from Vichy, the Spanish Ambassador will accompany his chiefs across France to Italy to visit Mussolini.

There was no confirmation of news of the impending meeting between Franco and Marshal Petain.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (Reuters)—The Vichy correspondent of the NEW YORK TIMES points out Marshal Petain, who was formerly Ambassador to Spain, is held in high esteem by Gen. Franco and says:

"One supposition in Vichy is that Gen. Franco may be serving Cont'd Page 7, Col. 3

Good News Is Expected On Firewood Prices

By Our Staff Reporter

That Government have had the question under very serious consideration, and that the "public may expect good news in the very near future," was revealed by MR. W. J. ANDERSON, Controller of Stores when interviewed by a Hongkong Daily Press reporter yesterday in connexion with the steady rise in the price of firewood.

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Mr. Anderson stated that a member of his staff has been sent to investigate conditions at the sources of supply, (Malaya, Singapore, and Dutch East Indies), and his report is now in the hands of Government.

Asked whether it was not possible for Government to control the prices, Mr. Anderson stated that he would rather not discuss that question until the whole matter of supply has been gone into by Government.

NOT SHELVED

"The public may, however, rest assured that the matter has not been shelved by either this department or the Government," said Mr. Anderson. "On the contrary, it has been gone into very carefully and actively by the authorities and the public may expect some very good news in the very near future."

"You are at liberty," concluded Mr. Anderson, "to deny the report which appeared in the local Press some time during the latter half of last month, that it was the intention of Government, to hand Cont'd Page 7, Col. 5

IN THE MEANTIME, JAPANESE TROOPS AND BOMBING PLANES ARE BEING OPENLY CONCENTRATED IN SAIGON. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE REPORTS, BRITISH TROOPS NEAR THE THAI BORDER HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY STRENGTHENED.

Connected with these events is the news that American Episcopal missionaries have been asked to leave Japan as soon as possible.

All this, adds the Sydney message, goes to show that JAPAN IS PREPARED TO SYNCHRONISE ANY ACTION BY GERMANY IN THE BALKANS by a similar move in the FAR EAST.

According to reports from London it was stated in authoritative circles that Britain is confident that neither JAPAN nor the NAZIS will find her unprepared for such eventualities.

In a statement in Australia yesterday, MR. CURTIN, the Labour leader, said: "The Battle of Britain is on and the Battle for the British Commonwealth of nations is also on."

"For God's sake don't let us presume that what is happening elsewhere cannot happen here. If Britain is heavily pressed at home it would be in the interests of Germany and Italy to press their efforts on members of the British Empire."

"It would be foolish to say the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo axis was only a phrase."

"We think it imperative that both the front door and the back door of Singapore should be safeguarded. It is from such a base that an attack on Australia could be launched."

"It is up to Australia to see that we make it as strong as it is in our power to make it."—(Special)

Mr. Curtin was addressing the Australian Workers' Union Convention in Sydney, adds a Reuter message.

PAPAL ORDER FOR PREMIER EARL

LONDON, Feb. 11 (BWS)—The Pope has conferred on the Duke of Norfolk the Order of Pius the Second, the highest Papal order. The Duke is Earl Marshal of England and Premier Duke and Earl.

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"MAKE VICTORY SWEETER"

According to a London message, the German radio station "Zeichen" in a broadcast to North America said:

"A German victory will not depend on the invasion of England but a military defeat of Britain would make victory sweeter."—(Special)

FEEDING BOMBED HOMELESS

Eight mobile canteens for the new 'convo system' to bombed towns in England were presented by H.M. the Queen yesterday, states a London message.

It is added that there will be 18 of these flying squads centred in parts of the country which are likely to be attacked.

The squads will carry their own food and water, pure and cooking, and kitchen utensils, and will feed people who have lost their homes through bombings.

Much of the equipment of these mobile canteens has been supplied by the Dominions and Colonies and some of them will bear the name of the Dominion or Colony which gave them.—(Special)

GERMANS WILL OCCUPY THE BULGARIAN CAPITAL THEN HOPE GREEKS WILL YIELD

LONDON, FEB. 11 (REUTERS)—THE TIMES DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT REPORTS A BELIEF IN CERTAIN QUARTERS THAT THE GERMANS WILL OCCUPY PART OF BULGARIA INCLUDING THE CAPITAL UP TO THE GREEK FRONTIER, and will then ask the Greeks to make concessions to Italy and cease hostilities in the hope the Greeks will yield and Germany will then be in a position to put similar pressure on the Turks.

The concentration of German troops and military material in Rumania is mostly reported from various points on the Danube.

The Times Istanbul correspondent says the concentration is reliably reported to total 20 divisions.

The DAILY TELEGRAPH Belgrade correspondent reports the Opposition leaders warned the Bulgarian Premier against breaking off diplomatic relations with the Western Powers.

CABINET MEETING

A Bulgarian Cabinet meeting was held last night, cables the Istanbul correspondent of the Free French Agency.

King Boris left Sofia for his country residence at Tchanakoria, 60 miles south of the capital.

NAZI A. A. GUNS

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (Reuters)—The Belgrade correspondent of the NEW YORK TIMES reports the Germans are rapidly taking over the supervision of airports. It is believed some German A. A. guns were recently set up and that German army trucks are in the country.

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20 ITALIAN DIVISIONS IN NORTHERN ALBANIA

According to a message from Sydney, Signor Mussolini has concentrated 20 DIVISIONS, totalling 200,000 men, in NORTH ALBANIA.

The Greeks are stated to have anticipated this move and to have increased their own forces accordingly to meet any counter attacks.

The message also stated that 15 Italian planes were shot down during Sunday and Monday, eleven by Greek fighters and four by the R.A.F.—(Special)

NEW BRITISH GUNS

A London message adds that new British long-range guns successfully pounded north of Pogradetz.

At Kilsura the Italians are making desperate attempts to regain lost ground but have entirely failed.

The latest Greek communique states that local operations were crowned with success.—(Special)

VALONA ATTACKED

LONDON, Feb. 11 (Reuters)—British and Greek planes were active over the Albanian front throughout yesterday, says Reuter's Special correspondent on the Albanian-Yugoslav frontier.

Large formations of British bombers attacked the road from Elbasan to Valona and the port of Valona itself.

Elbasan is the Greeks' next main objective in Central Albania.

STOP PRESS

MR. WILLKIE'S TESTIMONY

"To render ineffective aid would be disastrous. Even with American help it will take Britain some time to acquire superiority in the air," declared Mr. Wendell Willkie, the Republican leader, when he testified before the Foreign Relations Committee of the House of Representatives yesterday on the Lease and Lend Bill, states a London message.

Mr. La Guardia, Mayor of New York, and Mr. John E. Conant, also testified.

Mr. Conant said that he would even envisage the possibility of the United States declaring war to smash the Axis, if absolutely necessary, as a last resort.

Both favourably welcomed the Bill.

Mr. Willkie spoke of the inspiration to liberty-loving people everywhere if the Bill could be adopted.

He suggested modification of the Bill to limit help for Britain, Greece and China only and also the limitation of any unnecessary authority for the Bill.

As immediate help, America should provide Britain with five or ten destroyers monthly these ships to be reconducted in American yards and the rigmarole of legal interpretation should be dispensed with.

FLANDERS COAST SHELLED

According to a German communique issued yesterday British warships shelled the Flanders coast and it was added that they were driven off by coastal batteries. There is no confirmation of this in London.—(Special)

Units of the Royal Navy carried out a bombardment of German-occupied Ostend in the early hours of yesterday morning, states a London message.

Salvoes of shells fell on the harbour and many works were damaged. No damage was suffered by the British naval units and there is not a single casualty.

Scheme Mooted For The Control Of Rice Prices

By Our Staff Reporter

"I hope Government will think of a better and more radical scheme. I won't criticise the present scheme at all. But I'll be glad to see a better, more radical and more substantial scheme made in the course of time," said MR. H. K. T'SO, Secretary of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, yesterday when interviewed by a Hongkong Daily Press reporter in connexion with the scheme mooted by the Controller of Rice to "further protect the interests of the rice-consuming public."

Asked for his opinion as to the best method of curbing the practice of mixing two different qualities of rice and selling the mixture as the higher-priced quality, Mr. T'so said, "As far as I can see there is no good method. It is a hard nut to crack."

"There are still many ways in which the dealers can continue their practice without the knowledge of the Government or public."

EXCLUSIVE STATEMENT

In an exclusive statement to the Hongkong Daily Press, the Controller of Rice stated:—

In order further to protect the interests of the rice consuming public, it is shortly intended to clarify any future controlled price orders by fixing prices for specific standard rice mixtures.

It is seldom the case that rice is retained as it leaves the miller, the practice more often being for dealers engaged in the wholesale and retail trade to mix various grades of rice, and locally there are generally ten such mixtures in

popular demand on the part of the middle and lower class rice consumers.

An arrangement is under contemplation and negotiations have been made with the rice dealers whereby samples of these mixtures are to be displayed prominently in the market and other places of the Colony readily accessible to the public, which arrangement, in association with the controlled maximum prices relative to such type samples, should afford the utmost protection possible to the consumer and render prosecutions in respect of overcharging an easier matter than is now the case.

Many intended prosecutions have had to be withdrawn by the Police Authorities because of the difficulty experienced at present in properly establishing the permitted maximum price applicable to rice grades listed in the current controlled order, and hence it is hoped that the new system envisaged by the Authorities will prove practicable and of equal benefit to the consumer.

In the World of Sports

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941.

15th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 22nd February.

On Saturday, 15th, Monday, 17th, Tuesday, 18th and Wednesday, 19th February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 22nd February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

ON NO PRETEXT WILL CHILDREN BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th Feb., 1941.

LAI WAH CUP FINAL

CIVILIANS' TEAM FOR SUNDAY

The following have been selected to represent the Non-Chinese Civilians against Army in the Lai Wah Cup final to be played on the Club ground on Sunday, kick-off at 3.30 p.m.

Players are requested to report to Mr. McKelvie, manager of the team, at the dressing room at 3 p.m. sharp. Shorts, jerseys and stockings will be supplied.

Players unable to participate are requested to communicate with the Secretary before Feb. 14. Lapsley (Kowloon); Blackburn (Police); Ulrich (Kowloon); Pope (Police); Gough (Police); Maxwell (Kowloon); Fowler (Club); Ferrier (Police); B. T. Gosano (Kowloon); Howlett (Police); Rettersen (Club). Reserves: Odell (Club); Hussain (S.J.F.C.); Leonard (S.J.F.C.); Gomes (S.J.F.C.); North (Police); White (Kowloon).

Eastern Beat Macao At Soccer

In a football match, which lacked thrills, MACAO went down to their hosts, EASTERN A.A., yesterday at Caroline Hill by three goals to one.

The visitors did not quite settle down to the game, the forwards lacking combination. Fernando Guerreiro, showed himself to be a good positional player and had he received better support from other forwards he would have netted more than once.

The two backs, Chiu Fu and Americo Cordova had good understanding.

For Eastern, Hsu King-sing was on his usual form. The speedy Hau Ching-to was as tricky as ever.

Receiving a well-placed centre from the left-wing, GUERREIRO opened the score but the lead was short-lived when FU CHAT-BUN equalised. The first half closed with HSU KING-SING netting a beautiful goal.

The game was one-sided after the interval with the visitors mostly on the defensive. HAU CHING-TO netted to put the issue beyond doubt.

EASTERN: Lau Hin-hon; Ng Kee-cheong, S. Y. Yen; Kui Wing-fook; Hsu King-sing, Lo Wai-man; (Teddy Yip); Fu Chat-bun (Lo Wai Man); Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K. Hui, C. T. Tsao and Hau Ching-to.

MACAO: Delfim de Carvalho; Americo Cordova; Chiu Fu; Antonio Nito de Sousa; Alex Airesa; Manuel de Magalhães; Ip Poutou; Lau Chong-kwan; Fernando Guerreiro; Tiago Badarraco and Tehong Chan-kwong.

FIXTURES FOR HOME FOOTBALL

LONDON, Feb. 11 (Reuter)—The Football League War Cup begins on Feb. 15 with the following first-round matches, which will be played on the home and away basis, goal aggregate deciding ties:

SOUTH
Brighton v. Arsenal; Cardiff v. Swansea; Chelsea v. Portsmouth; Clapton O. v. Aldershot; Crystal Palace v. Queen's Park Rangers; Leicester v. Birmingham; Luton v. Northampton; Mansfield v. Stoke; Norwich v. West Ham; Notts County v. West Bromwich; Reading v. Bristol City; Southampton v. Brentford; Southend v. Millwall; Tottenham v. Bournemouth; Watford v. Notts Forest; Watford v. Fulham.

NORTH
Blackpool v. Manchester City; Blackburn v. Oldham; Bolton v. Burnley; York v. Bradford; Bury v. Preston; Chester v. Tranmere; Chesterfield v. Barnsley; Grimsby v. Doncaster; Halifax v. Leeds; Huddersfield v. Middlesbrough; Hull v. Lincoln; Liverpool v. Southport; Manchester United v. Everton; New Brighton v. Wrexham; Newcastle v. Rochdale; Sheffield United v. Rotherham.

QUADRANGULAR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

BRITISH ARMY BEAT CLUB

BRITISH ARMY beat HONG-KONG HOCKEY CLUB by the odd goal in three in a Quadrangular Hockey Tournament match played at Sookunpoo yesterday.

A. E. P. Guest opened the scoring for Club when he netted some 15 minutes from the start. Hitchcock of Royal Scots, scored both goals for Army.

Play of a good standard was seen, though the game was more on the scrappy side. Benwell did very well for Club as custodian. McLellan, T. Whitley and Bond being other players to catch the eye.

Army seemed to have a better balanced side and fielded a very strong forward line. The game was more even than the score would indicate.

The teams:

BRITISH ARMY: L/Cpl. Dove (Signals); Bdr. Anderson (R. A.); Cpl. Neve (R. S.); B. M. Jordan (R. S.); Sgt. Croston (R. E.); Cpl. Alsey (R. S.); Cpl. Singleton (R. E.); Gnr. Marshall (R. A.); Pte. Hitchcock (R. S.); L/Cpl. Shaw (R. E.) and Sgt. Homburg (R. E.). CLUB: V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond; J. Gonsalves; D. McLellan; W. A. Reed; N. B. M. Whitley; D. T. Smith; T. S. D. Whitley; A. E. P. Guest; E. Fowler and R. Soares.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BADMINTON.—"B" Division: Section "A" King's College v. J.R.C.; Chung Wah v. V. R. C. Section "B" Police v. St. John's; Kowloon Tong v. K.C.C.
MEETING.—Council, of Hongkong Football Association 5.30 p.m.
RUGBY.—Club "A" v. Army, Happy Valley.

TOMORROW

CHESS.—Colony Open Championship Tournament, Coxhead v. Carvalho, Weiss v. Sequeira Zimmerman v. Karpovich.
HOCKEY.—Interport Probables v. Indian Army, Club ground, 5 p.m.
SNOOKER.—Garrison League, Signals' Mess v. R. A. Station Mess; Signals "A" v. Engineers "A"; Military Police v. Eng Sgt's Mess; R.A.P.C. v. R. A. M.C.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

CRICKET.—"A" Division: Civil Service C.C. v. Indian R.C.; Craigengower v. Recreation "B" Division: Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.; Recreation v. Indian R.C.; Police v. University.
FOOTBALL.—First Division: Royal Scots v. Club (Sookunpoo), 4.15 p.m.; Sing Tao v. Middlesex (Club), 4.15 p.m.; Police v. Kowloon (Boundary Street), 4.15 p.m.; St. Joseph's v. Navy (Caroline Hill), 4.15 p.m.; Second Division: Middlesex v. Club (Sookunpoo), 2.45 p.m.; Sing Tao v. Kowloon (Club), 2.45 p.m.; R.A.O.C. v. Navy (Caroline Hill), 2.45 p.m.; Third Division: 20th R.A. v. Shell (Boundary Street), 2.45 p.m.

RACING.—Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting, at Happy Valley, 11.30 a.m. (First day).

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

FOOTBALL.—Lai Wah Cup Final, Army v. Civilians (Club), 3.30 p.m.; First Division: Kwong Wah v. Eastern (Boundary Street), 4.15 p.m.; Second Division: Kit Chee v. South China (Caroline Hill), 2.45 p.m.; Police v. Kwong Wah (Boundary Street), 2.45 p.m.; Third Division: 36th R.A. v. Air Force (Sookunpoo), 2.45 p.m.; A.S.A. v. 35th R.A. (Chatham Road), 4.15 p.m.; 24th R.A. v. Signals (Chatham Road), 2.45 p.m.; R.A.M.C. v. International (Sookunpoo), 4.15 p.m.

Definite arrangements have been made by Sing Tao to visit Manila and they will leave the Colony on Monday, Feb. 24, returning by Mar. 14.

Kwanti Racing

MARCH MEETING OF FANLING HUNT & RACE CLUB

The following is the programme for the March Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club to be held at Kwanti on March 16, 1941.

Race No. 1—2.45 p.m. "The Dublin Handicap" (Second Section). A flat race of 6 furlongs for China ponies classified at date of entry as "E" class. Jockey allowance of 5 lb. Winner \$250; 2nd \$125; 3rd \$100. Entry Fee \$5.

NOTE:—One entry only will be made for "The Dublin Handicap" (Races 1 and 6). Entries will be divided into two sections at the discretion of the handicapper.

Race No. 2—"The Fanling Grand National and Pierce Grove Memorial Cup." A handicap steeplechase of 12 miles for China ponies. Winner to hold for one year the Challenge Cup with replica presented and \$150 added; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$75. Entry Fee \$3.

Race No. 3—"The Kangaroo Cup." A flat race of 6 furlongs for Australian Subscription ponies of 1941. Winners of \$300 or more barred. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockey allowance of 5 lb. Winner \$250; 2nd \$125; 3rd \$100. Post entries. Entry Fee \$5.

760 THOUSAND DERBY TICKETS SOLD

Up to 3.30 p.m. yesterday nearly 760,000 tickets on the Special Dollar Sweep, on the Roto-Hill Derby, have been sold.

The prizes, so far, are approximately \$232,170 (first), \$86,335 (second), and \$43,170; \$86,335 (second), and \$43,170 (third); whilst unplaced ponies (whether starters or not) will share \$107,820.

Race No. 4—"The Hunters' Cup." A handicap flat race of 7 furlongs for China ponies classified at date of entry as "D" class. Jockey allowance of 5 lb. Winner \$250; 2nd \$125; 3rd \$100. Entry Fee \$5.

Race No. 5—"The Governor's Cup and 'Australian Grand National Steeplechase.'" A handicap of 2 miles for Australian ponies. Winner a Cup presented by H.E. The Governor, with \$150 added; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$75. Entry Fee \$3.

Race No. 6—"The Dublin Handicap." (First Section).

(See Race No. 1)
Race No. 7—"The Shamrock Stakes." A flat race of 7 furlongs

C.S.C.C. CRICKET TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent Civil Service C.C. in League cricket matches on Saturday:—

1st XI v. Indian R.C. (home): J. E. Richardson (Capt.), K. J. Atwell, F. Baker, W. H. Colledge, T. V. D. Fortescue, B.C.K. Hawkins, R. H. Griffiths, D. McLellan, A. E. Perry, N. Whitley and A. M. J. Wright.

2nd XI v. Kowloon C.C. (away): H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, H. F. Harper, F. E. Lawrence, J. Mitchell, J. F. MacGowan, T. Lockhart, N. L. Smith, G. Stone, A. Watson. Reserve: G. Davidson.

HOCKEY TRIAL

The probable team, which has been selected to represent the Colony in the forthcoming Interport hockey match against Macao, will meet the Indian Army in a practice game on the Club ground tomorrow at 5 p.m.

for Australian ponies classified at date of entry as "D" class. Jockey allowance of 5 lb. Winner \$250; 2nd \$125; 3rd \$100. Entry Fee \$5.

RUGGER WIN FOR R.A. OVER ROYALS

Royal Artillery beat the Royal Scots by three tries and a penalty goal (12 pts.) to a goal and a try (8 pts.) after leading 9-5 at half-time, in an Army Rugby Tournament match played at Sookunpoo yesterday.

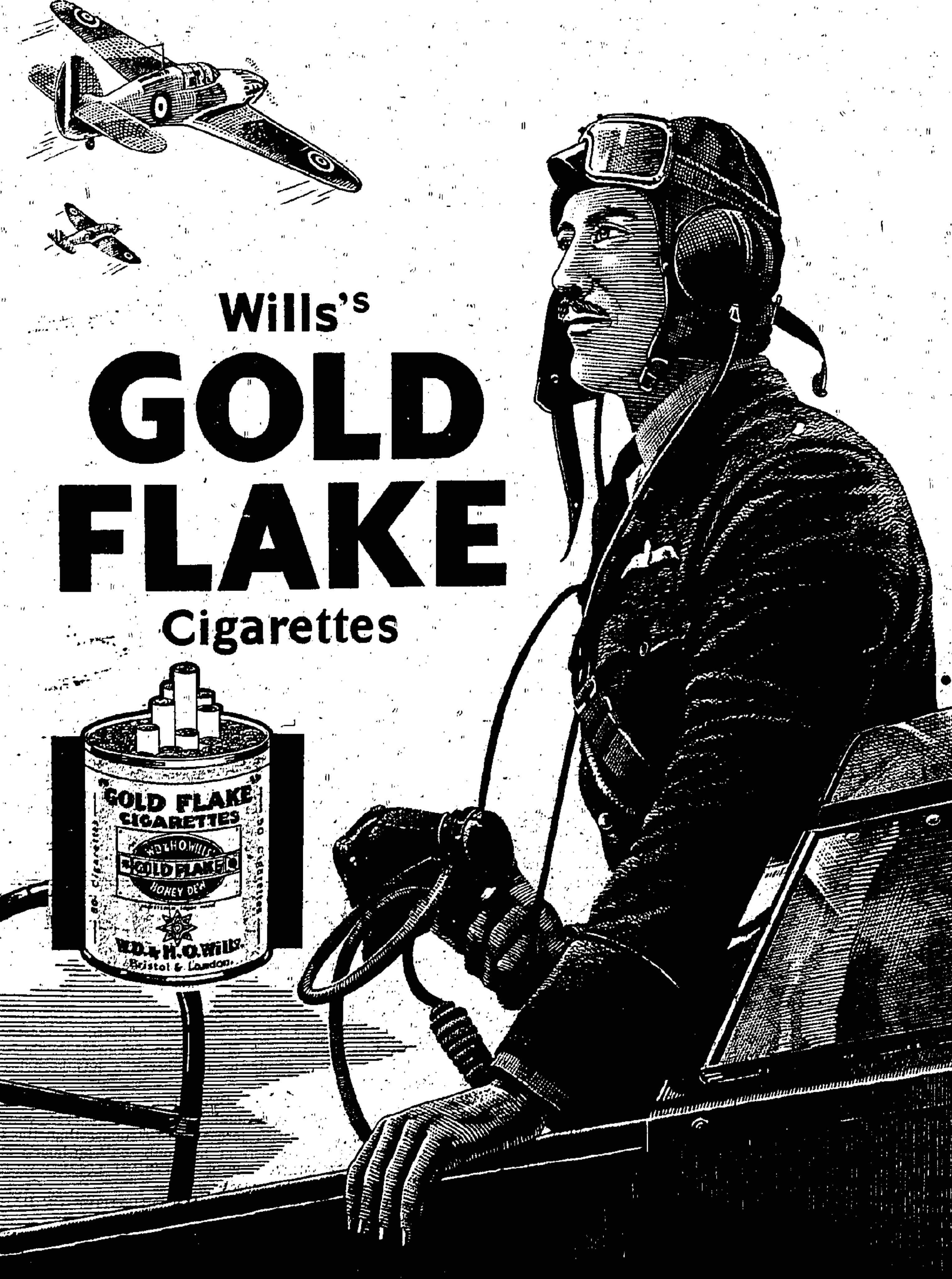
Scorers were Keeble, who kicked a penalty goal, Hicks, Richards and McDermott, who touched down, for Royal Artillery, and Ford and Fairley, who scored tries, for Royal Scots.

SAPPERS WIN

In another Tournament match played at Sookunpoo, Royal Engineers beat Combined Small Units by two penalty goals (6 pts.) to a try (3 pts.). After a scoreless first half, the Sappers went ahead on two penalty goals, both kicked by Birrell. Whybro, of the R.A.O.C., scored a try for Small Units near the end of the game.

At the monthly Council meeting of the Hongkong Football Association to be held this evening the draw for the second round of the Shield competition will be made.

"Wills to Win"

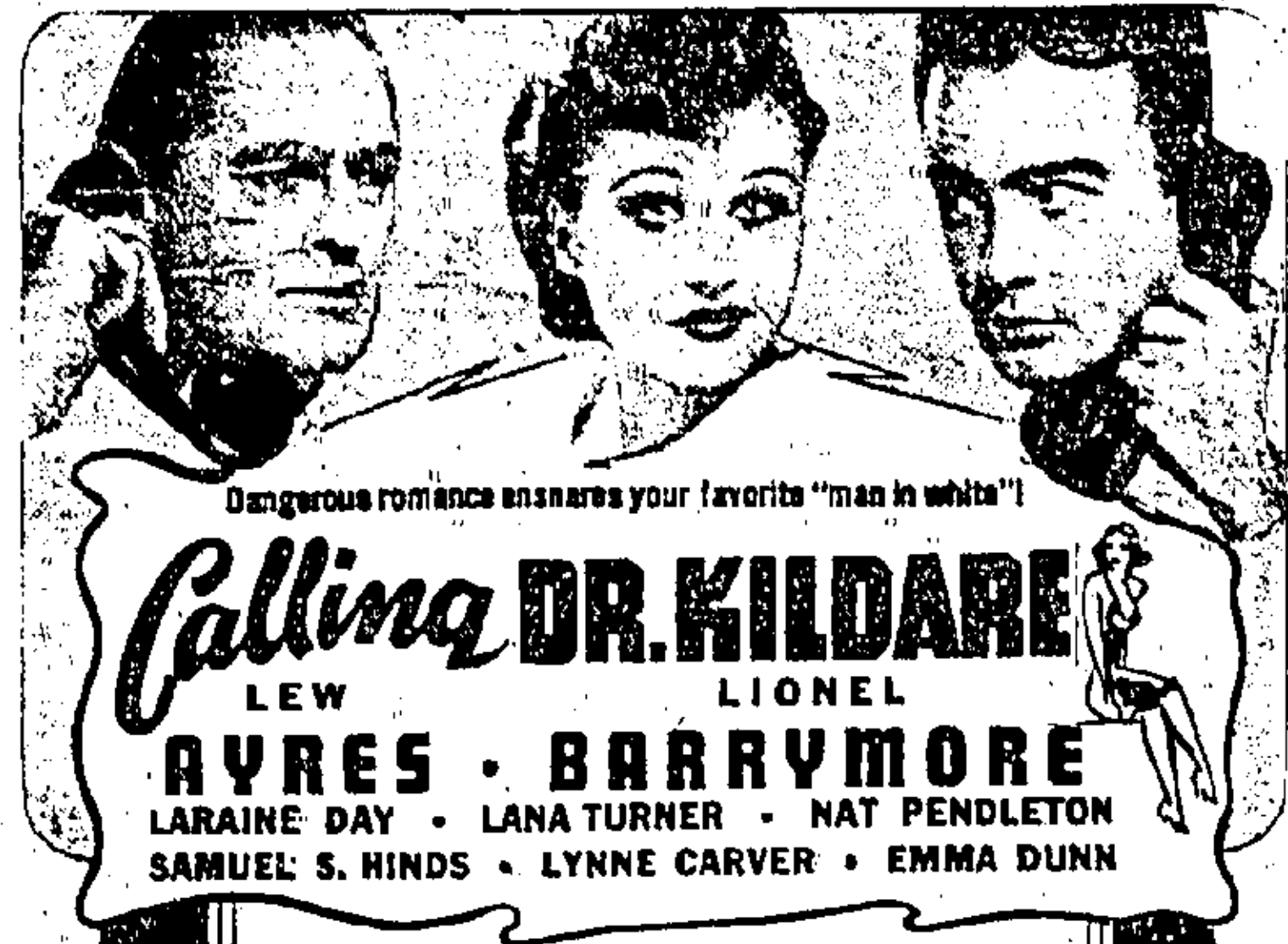


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Screen play by Robert S. Anderson. Directed by Nick BRIDGE. A COLUMBIA PICTURE

Major K. M. Bourne and officers of the Shanghai Municipal Police were hosts at a dinner party given in honour of Colonel J. W. Hornby, the retiring Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, at the Police Club recently.

In the presence of a large attendance of relatives and mourners funeral services were held on January 31 at the Hungjiao Road Cemetery, Shanghai, for the late Mrs. Nellie Russell, widow of the late Frederick James Russell and mother of Mrs. Manuel A. Ferras, Annie and Harry.

COMING EVENTS

FEB.
12—Tides: High 10.08 a.m. and 9.34 p.m. Low 3.52 a.m. and 3.07 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 6.19 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.)
Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
Little Flower Club Concert, 6 p.m.
Lawn Bowls: H.E. the Acting Governor to entertain Bowlers at Govt. House, 3 p.m.
Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.
H.K.F.A. Council Meeting, 5.30 p.m.
Volunteer Nursing Detachment
Home Nursing Course, Helena May Inst., 5.30 p.m.; Practical Class, 4.30 p.m.
V. D. M. A. Committee, Christ Church: Meeting to discuss formation of Girls' Club.
St. David's Society, Annual Meeting.
Govt. Trade School: Entrance Examination and Interview for Candidates in Automobile Engineering Course, 10 a.m.

13—Tides: High 10.42 a.m. and 10.19 p.m. Low 4.27 a.m. and 3.51 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 6.19 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.
Little Flower Club Concert, 9 p.m.
Mobile Black-Out Demonstration, 7 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Film Night, 9 p.m.
Crown Land Sale, Land Office, Ping Shan, 11.30 a.m.

14—Tides: High 11.16 a.m. and 11.07 p.m. Low 5.03 a.m. and 4.37 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.56 a.m.; Sunset: 6.20 p.m.
St. Valentine's Day.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.)
Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
Police and Police Reserve Dinner-Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

15—Tides: High 11.55 a.m. and 11.57 p.m. Low 5.37 a.m. and 5.27 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.56 a.m.; Sunset: 6.20 p.m.
H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Meeting, First Day, 11.30 a.m.
H.E. the Acting Governor leaves for Peking Lodge.

16—Tides: High 12.37 p.m. Low 6.14 a.m. and 6.22 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 6.21 p.m.
Lawn Bowls: K.C.C. v. Lane Craw Junior Golf Championship — Semi-Final.
Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.
Speaker: Rev. E. Morton on "The Man Who Didn't Know the Meaning of Cant".
Softball League.
May Hall, H.K. University, Silver Jubilee Celebrations, Supper Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

17—Tides: High 12.54 a.m. and 1.21 p.m. Low 6.47 a.m. and 7.27 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.54 a.m.; Sunset: 6.21 p.m.
H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Meeting, Second Day, 11.30 a.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.)
Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

London Remembers Its Pets

Before London felt the full force of the air blitzkrieg, an elaborate animals' A.R.P. organisation was set up, with 500 first-aid posts in telephonic communication with "Animal Flying Squads"—animal ambulances, travelling dispensaries, etc. These squads, each led by a veterinary surgeon, patrol bombed streets in search of casualties.

They have a number of miniature stretchers for bad cases; slighter injuries are dealt with on the spot.
One acute animal problem which has arisen is the care of pets left in bombed houses whose owners are not allowed to return to them in case they are unsafe or for fear of time-bombs.

GREAT DANGERS
Members of the Animals' Help Society—mostly women—assisted by voluntary helpers are continually braving great dangers to take dogs' food, bird seed and scraps to pets in such houses, while at the end of roped off streets evacuated residents wait to give their doorkeys to helpers who are searching for imprisoned dogs, cats, rabbits or fowls. Recently a dog and her five puppies were dug out, unhurt, from the wreckage of a bombed house.

Sometimes a faint mewling behind a locked front door leads to the discovery of a starving cat who is then fed daily with scraps through a broken fanlight or window.

DEVOTED HELPERS
These devoted helpers put food and water in many bomb-cratered gardens in the hope that scared animals will return home to eat and drink. They find fresh homes for dogs and cats left behind by evacuated families and doing all that their very limited means will allow to carry on their good work in every bombed area.

It has been found that cats are not afraid of the noise of bombs and guns. Often after a terrific burst of frantic aircraft fire, a momentary stillness will be broken by one cat calling soulfully to its mate. Dogs are more sensitive to noise, but when they find their masters are unafraid, they take courage and grow used to siren and bombs alike.

Radio Programmes

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London Relays

17.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—'I Can't Give You Anything But Love; My Last Year's Gal. Quickstep—'I've Got a Pocketful of Dreams (film 'Sing you Sinners'). Slow Fox-Trot—'It May Be, Rumbas—'When a Cuban Says 'I Love You'; When Bomba Plays a Rumba. Fox-Trot—'You Can't Stop Me From Dreaming. Quicksteps—'King Porter Stomp; San Sue Strut.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Hawaiian Selections.
Tropic Dove (Tonitru & Long). Sweet Hawaiian Chimes (Sandford & Others)—'The Hawaiian Islanders with Vocal Chorus. Drifting and Dreaming (Gillespie)—'Fera and Paulini (Hawaiian Guitars). Farewell Hawaii (Phillips and Others). Broadway's Gone Hawaii (film 'Love and Hisses')—'The Hawaiian Islanders with Vocal Chorus.

1.18 Billy Mayerl at the Piano.
'Twenty To One'—Selection (Mayerl); 'Over the Hills'—Selection (Mayerl).

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Mozart—Symphony in D Major (The 'Prague' Symphony).

1st Mov. Adagio-Allegro, 2nd Mov. Andante; 3rd Mov. Finale—Presto—Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Excerpts from Grand Opera.

'Carmen'—Micaela's Air: Je Dis Que Rien Ne M'Épouvante (Bizet); 'Romeo et Juliette'—Je Veux Vivre Dans Ce Reve (Gounod)—Eide Norena (Soprano) with Orchestra. 'Damnation of Faust'—Hungarian March (Berlioz); Les Sylphes—William Mengelberg conducting the Concertgebouw Orchestra. 'The Pearl Fishers'—'I seem still to hear (Bizet); 'La Bohème'—'Your tiny hand is frozen (Puccini)—Giuseppe Lugo (Tenor) with Orchestra. 'Aida'—Selection (Verdi)—The B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—'Questions of the Hour'.

7.30 London Relay—'Crosstown New York'.

An exciting feature programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Compositions of Grieg.

I Love Thee—Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra. Norwegian Dance in D Major, Op. 35—Gustave Cloez and L'Orchestre Philharmonique de Paris. To The Spring, Op. 43, No. 6; Summer's Eve, Op. 71, No. 2—Eileen Joyce (Piano). Peer Gynt—Suite No. 1, Op. 46—(a) Morning; (b) Death of Ase; (c) Anitra's Dance; (d) In the Hall of the Mountain King—London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.

8.30 Studio—'British Prose Writers' No. 2: Defoe.

Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 Sea Shanties.

Rio Grande; Billy Boy (arr. Terry). One More Day; On The Banks of Sacramento (arr. Harris); A Doll and a Half a Day; The Fog's Eye Man (arr. Terry)—John Goss (Baritone) and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: 'Democracy Marches'.

By Howard Marshall.

9.45 Gerry Moore at the Piano.

Quickstep—'My Gal Mozzamini; Slow Fox-Trot—'Just Remember! Quickstep—'Don't You Care What Anyone Says; Slow Fox-Trot—'When Two Love Each Other.

9.58 Variety.

Vocal—'Lonely Gondolier' (from 'Broadway Gondolier')—Outside of You (from 'Broadway Gondolier')—Dick Powell with Orchestra. Orch. and Vocal—'The Ransom (Ashlyn); Ya Got Something There (Hyton & Others)—Jack Hyton and His Orchestra with Sid Bickman and Sam Browne (Vocal). Comedians—'Bad Show Chaps; Lord Haw Haw of Zeppelin—'The Western Brothers with Piano acc. Two Planos—'Tin Pan Alley Medley No. 24—Intro: When You Wear Your Sunday Blue; It's a lovely day tomorrow; Moonlight Avenue; Careless; A little rain must fall; I cried for you—Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye with string bass and drums. 'Vocal—This Can't Be Love' (from 'Up and Down'); No Souvenirs (Boyd)—'Adelaide Hall with Instru. acc. Vocal—'The Laughter Parade (Dawn-Montague)—'The Laughter Makers with Orchestra. Organ—'Whispering of the Flowers (Bion); Magic Chimes—'Intermezzo (Rust)—'Marcel Palotti with Hawaiian Guitar. Vocal—Where Yorkshire and Lancashire Meet (Evans and Others); A Melody from the Sky (film 'The Trail of the Lonesome Pine')—Kitty Masters with Orchestra. Banjo—'On A Southern Plantation—Medley—'Ken Harvey with Piano acc. Vocal—'The Trail of the Lonesome Pine (from the film); Covered Wagon Lullaby (Freeman and Leonard)—'The Billies with Their Own Novelty Acc.

11.00 Close down.

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GEN. FRANCO TO MEET HITLER

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (Reuter)—It is reported from Rome that General Franco has arrived at San Remo in Southern Italy.

An earlier message from London states that General Franco, Dictator of Spain, and his Foreign Minister, Senor Serrano Suner, are to meet their German opposites, Hitler and Ribbentrop shortly, according to reports from Spain last night.

RUMANIAN MISSION IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 11 (Reuter)—The Rumania Legation here has received no instructions so far from Bucharest about withdrawing.

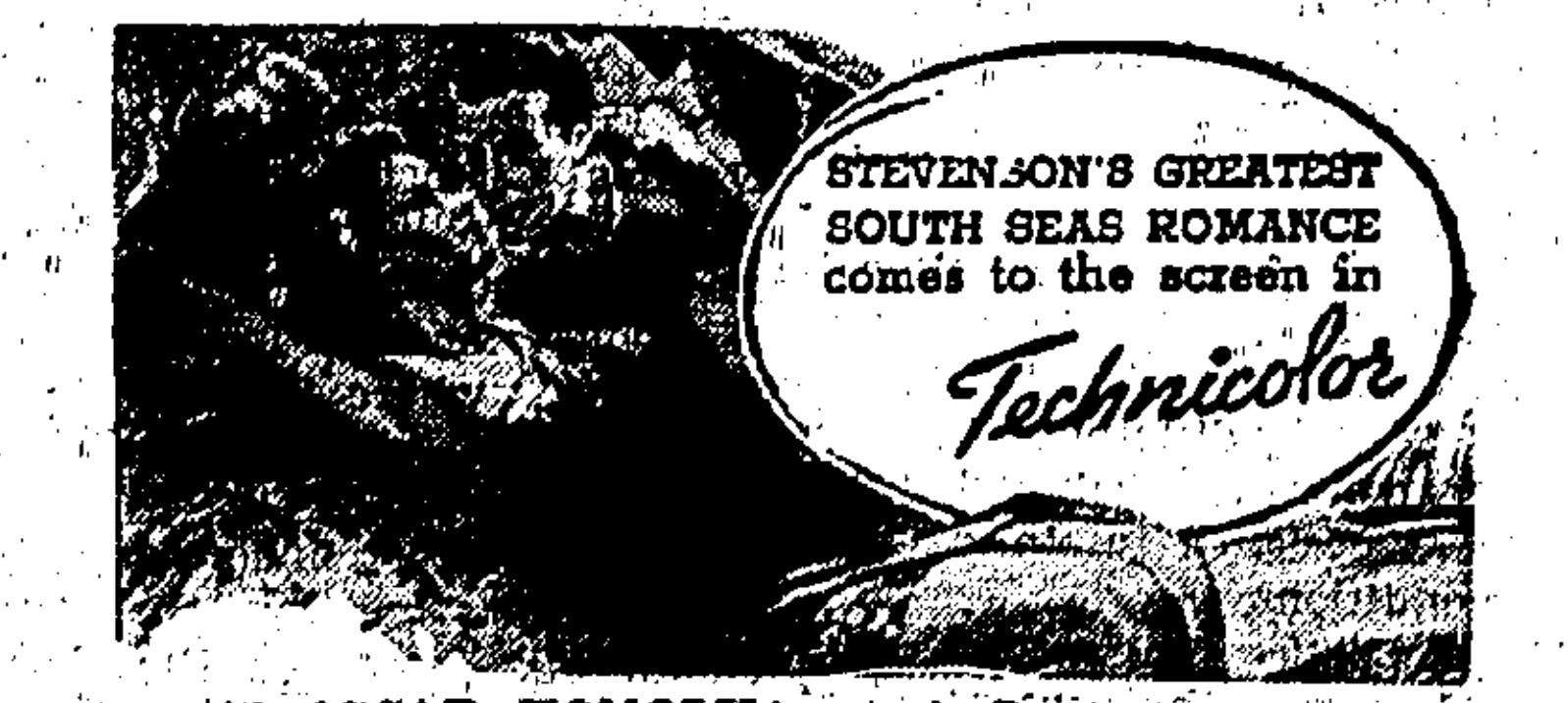
Reuter learns that the decision whether to withdraw naturally lies with the Rumanian Government and if General Antonescu instructs the Charge d'Affaires to ask for passports there would be no difficulty about the departure of the Rumanian Mission.

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AFRICAN OPERATIONS:

ASMARA, KEREN, BADANA BOMBED BY THE R.A.F.

CAIRO, Feb. 11 (Reuter)—Attacks on Calato and Maritza in the island of Rhodes and a successful night raid on Tripoli are recorded in yesterday's communique from the R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East.

The communique says that on the night of February 8-9, aerodromes at Calato and Maritza were raided by bombers. Bombs were dropped on a number of aircraft dispersed on the landing ground at the former place, causing a heavy explosion and two large fires, believed to be enemy aircraft burning.

Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm on the same night carried out a successful raid on Tripoli, bombs falling on the seaplane station where a hangar was set on fire.

In Italian East Africa, continued support was given to the army offensive. Keren was raided repeatedly. Much damage was caused to stores and motor transport.

At Asmara, South African fighters encountered a number of Italian planes, one enemy machine being shot down and several others badly damaged. Meanwhile R.A.F. bombers raided the town of Asmara.

When enemy aircraft attacked the occupied aerodrome at Agordat, one Italian plane was shot down by anti-aircraft fire.

IN ALBANIA

Further South African bombers effectively attacked Badana, Afmada and the fort at Bodenyng.

In Albania a small formation of R.A.F. fighters on patrol in the Kelekre area yesterday intercepted a large number of enemy fighters in the ensuing engagement, four Italian planes were shot down and several others were so badly damaged that it is unlikely that they returned to their base.

One British pilot had to abandon his craft, but made a successful parachute descent and returned unharmed to his squadron.

MALTA RAIDED

During the same night, a considerable force of enemy aircraft raided Malta. Damage was caused

Wop Attacks Repulsed

ITALIANS RETREAT IN DISORDER

LONDON, Feb. 11 (Reuter)—Another Italian counter-attack against newly won Greek positions in the Klisura area has been driven back with heavy losses to the Italians, according to a Greek press military statement broadcast by the Athens radio.

The statement says: "Like previous attempts, this attack was completely smashed and the Italians were beaten back in great disorder."

The statement adds that the situation on the Albanian front continues to be highly satisfactory. Further advance has been secured by the Greek forces, particularly on the central front.

VIOLENT FIRE

Four Italian counter-attacks have been repulsed in the last 24 hours.

Reports from Athens reaching here state that two of these counter-attacks took place west of the River Drin, where Italian infantry had been ordered to penetrate the Greek lines. They failed owing to the violent Greek fire, leaving behind dead and wounded.

Another of the counter-attacks was attempted in the region of Klisura.

SALONIKA RAIDED

ATHENS, Feb. 11 (Reuter)—The fifth century Salonika Cathedral of Saint Sophia damaged in an air raid yesterday, is to be repaired immediately, following orders of the Premier, Mr. Koriadis.

One part of the building has almost entirely collapsed but the masonry of the cupola have not suffered much.

Crowds massed round the Cathedral after the "all clear" and demonstrated against the vandalism.

Woman Gets 14 Years For Treason

LONDON, Feb. 11 (Reuter)—Mrs. Dorothy Pamela O'Grady, who was previously sentenced to death on charges under the Treachery Act, heard Lord Caldecote in the Court of Appeal announce that the conviction was quashed.

Her life was spared but on the other charges sentence of 14 years' penal servitude was imposed.

Both the trials at Winchester and the Court of Appeal were held in camera.

PREPARATIONS TO COMBAT INVASION

Possible Use Of Gas Not Overlooked

LONDON, Feb. 11 (Reuter)—Preparation for the defence of Britain against invasion will take full account of the possible use of gas by the German Army and Air Force and steps will be taken to counteract this use, which will probably come chiefly from the skies and the seas.

Britain has pledged herself under the Geneva Protocol of 1925 not to use gas unless this is first inflicted on her in war. Thus the initiative in its use must remain with Germany, who introduced the weapon in the last war.

Germany has also pledged herself not to use it again but may follow the example of her Axis partner, Italy, in the conquest of Abyssinia.

The German are not believed to possess any new gas. Indeed, scientists consider that no new gas which can be used in chemical warfare exists. What would be new would be some hitherto unforeseen method of using the weapon.

TERRORISTIC WARFARE

Wholesale use of gas to terrorise the civilian population is hardly likely for this is a weapon which recoils on the user.

Complete safety against all poison gases is provided by the service gas mask and the civilian gas mask, the only difference between the two respirators being that the former is designed to stand up to field conditions.

Also statistics show that even in the last war, the percentage of fatal casualties and permanent disabilities from gas was lower than from any other cause.

FORMER OGPU CHIEF FOUND DEAD

Worked With G-Men In Spy Probe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (Reuter)—General Krivitsky, stated once to have been chief of the Secret Police in Soviet Russia, has been found dead, according to Louis Waldman, an attorney. Gen. Krivitsky is said to have been going under the name of Samuel Ginsberg.

Waldman said that he obtained the information from detectives who told him that Krivitsky shot himself, but the attorney did not believe this. He said that Krivitsky had been co-operating with the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Gen. Krivitsky came to the United States several years ago and later visited England but returned to America last October.

PARTY PURGE

He gave evidence in October, 1939, before the Congressional Committee on Un-American activities. He said that he broke with M. Stalin because he refused to take active part in the purge of the Communist Party in 1935 and 1937.

NATIONAL RAID DISTRESS FUND

ANOTHER BIG GIFT, FROM BRISBANE

LONDON, Feb. 11 (British Wireless)—The Lord Mayor of Brisbane has sent another £5,000 to the Lord Mayor of London's National Air Raid Distress Fund bringing the total of Brisbane's contributions to £112,200.

Other gifts included £1,000 from the Cape Town Red Cross Market, £500 from the Philippine Islands, £247 from Panama and £100 each from St. James, Manitoba, and the Government and people of Port Moresby, Papua.

The total of the Fund is now £2,117,000.

GREEKS FIND ENCOURAGEMENT IN PREMIER'S SPEECH

ATHENS, Feb. 11 (Reuter)—Mr. Churchill's speech following Great Britain's successes at Benghazi and Genoa has sent a wave of encouragement throughout Greece.

The newspaper Estia says: "It contained important facts disclosing the most hopeful situation in the Mediterranean."

"Mr. Churchill's disdainful words about Signor Mussolini are echoed by tens of millions of free men and will be repeated even in Italy."

REFERENCE TO BULGARIA

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 11 (Reuter)—Mr. Churchill's reference to Bulgaria in a broadcast on Sunday has caused a sensation in Berlin according to a newspaper correspondent in Berlin who says that competent quarters there deny that German troops have entered Bulgarian territory and say there is not a single soldier or airman there.

Mr. Churchill's speech was printed in full in the Stockholm papers. Headlines specially emphasised the reference to Bulgarian aerodromes being occupied by German ground personnel.

VICHY CABINET RE-SHUFFLE

LONDON, Feb. 11 (Reuter)—A complete re-shuffle of the Vichy Cabinet will not take place before the middle of the week, according to well-informed circles in Vichy, says a despatch from that centre to the official German news agency.

Another despatch states that the new French consultative body, the National Council, will, according to the Nouvelliste de Lyon, meet for its inaugural session at Lyons but will later continue its work at Vichy, where it will be in closer touch with the different ministries.

The newspaper understands that at the first meeting, the Councilors will agree on the list of names to be submitted to the head of the State with a view to the establishment of a bureau for assembly.

WINANT NOMINATION CONFIRMED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (Reuter)—The Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination of Mr. John Winant as the United States Ambassador to Britain.

The appointment of Mr. Alexander Biddle, former Ambassador to Poland, as United States representative to the exiled Governments of Poland, Belgium, Netherlands and Norway, was also unanimously approved with a number of other diplomatic changes.

MR. MENZIES TOURS BARDIA BATTLE ZONE

CAIRO, Feb. 11 (Reuter)—Mr. R. G. Menzies, Australian Federal Premier, returned from a 36-hour visit to the Bardia area in which he was accompanied by General Sir Thomas Blamey, commanding Australian Forces Overseas.

The party travelled in an R.A.F. plane which flew low over the battle zone enabling Mr. Menzies to follow the whole story of the brilliant campaign.

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GENERAL LI TSUNG-JEN ON HONAN VICTORY

Initial Success Of "Year Of Victory"

ON THE NORTH HUPEH FRONT, Feb. 11 (Central)—The Chinese success in south Honan was attributed by General Li Tsung-jen, well-known Kwangtung army commander, to the mobile tactics of the Chinese troops and the assistance of the people's self-defence units in an interview.

The Japanese offensive, according to General Li, had long been anticipated. On his recent visit to Chungking he had conferred with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek on this and had received specific instructions regarding defence.

The recent victory was therefore the result of a pre-arranged plan. General Li described the Honan victory as the initial success in China's "Year of Victory."

JAPANESE ROUTED

Field dispatches from south Honan claim that the Chinese troops are making progress on their drive toward Sinyang. Large numbers of Japanese troops in the area between Mingkang on the Peiping-Hankow Railway and the northwest of Sinyang have been routed while the Japanese troops around Tungshih, a strategic town about 50 miles northwest of Sinyang, are facing annihilation.

According to reports from Anhwei, following the recapture of Taiho in northwest Anhwei, the Chinese have regained Kwoyang, a large town northeast of Taiho. The Japanese have retreated to Pohnien near the Anhwei-Honan border. There is no more trace of the Japanese south of the Fui River.

PLANE DOWNED

FANCHENG, Feb. 11 (Central)—A Japanese plane was brought down by Chinese anti-aircraft guns at Wanghuanien, north of Tungshih in south Honan, on Feb. 1. The wreckage has been transported to the rear for exhibition.

LITTLE ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

LONDON, Feb. 11 (British Wireless)—A joint Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique states: "There has been little enemy activity over this country during daylight yesterday. No report of damage or casualties has been received."

CHUNGSHAN FIGHTING

JAPS. MEET WITH STIFF RESISTANCE

SHIUHING, Feb. 11 (Central)—Fighting has broken out again on the Chungshan-Sunwul border regions.

About 1,000 Japanese and puppet troops from Chungshan made a forced landing at Yuehkon, Namao and other points under protective aerial and naval bombardment on January 6. They encountered stubborn Chinese resistance and withdrew toward night.

The following morning they made an attack at Pakao, and Wongyeungshan in the district of Chungshan, but met with equally strong resistance and suffered heavy casualties. Failing to make any headway, they sent a column in the afternoon to attack Wangshan in the Sunwul district.

WU TE-CHEN IN CHUNGKING

Conditions In South Seas Reported To Generalissimo

CHUNGKING, Feb. 11 (Central)—"The Generalissimo is very much interested in the situation in the South Seas and is most solicitous of the welfare of the Chinese communities there," said General Wu Te-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs, who was received by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek on Sunday after his return from an extended goodwill visit to the South Seas.

During the interview General Wu exhaustively reported the conditions in the South Seas. General Wu said that his goodwill mission had not yet been completed and expressed the hope that he would soon be able to resume the tour to French Indo-China, India, Borneo and other South Pacific regions where large Chinese communities exist.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (Reuter)

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary for Treasury, stated that he is preparing to ask Congress for a four-year extension of the \$2,000,000,000 Stabilisation Fund, according to Washington correspondent of the Dow Jones agency.



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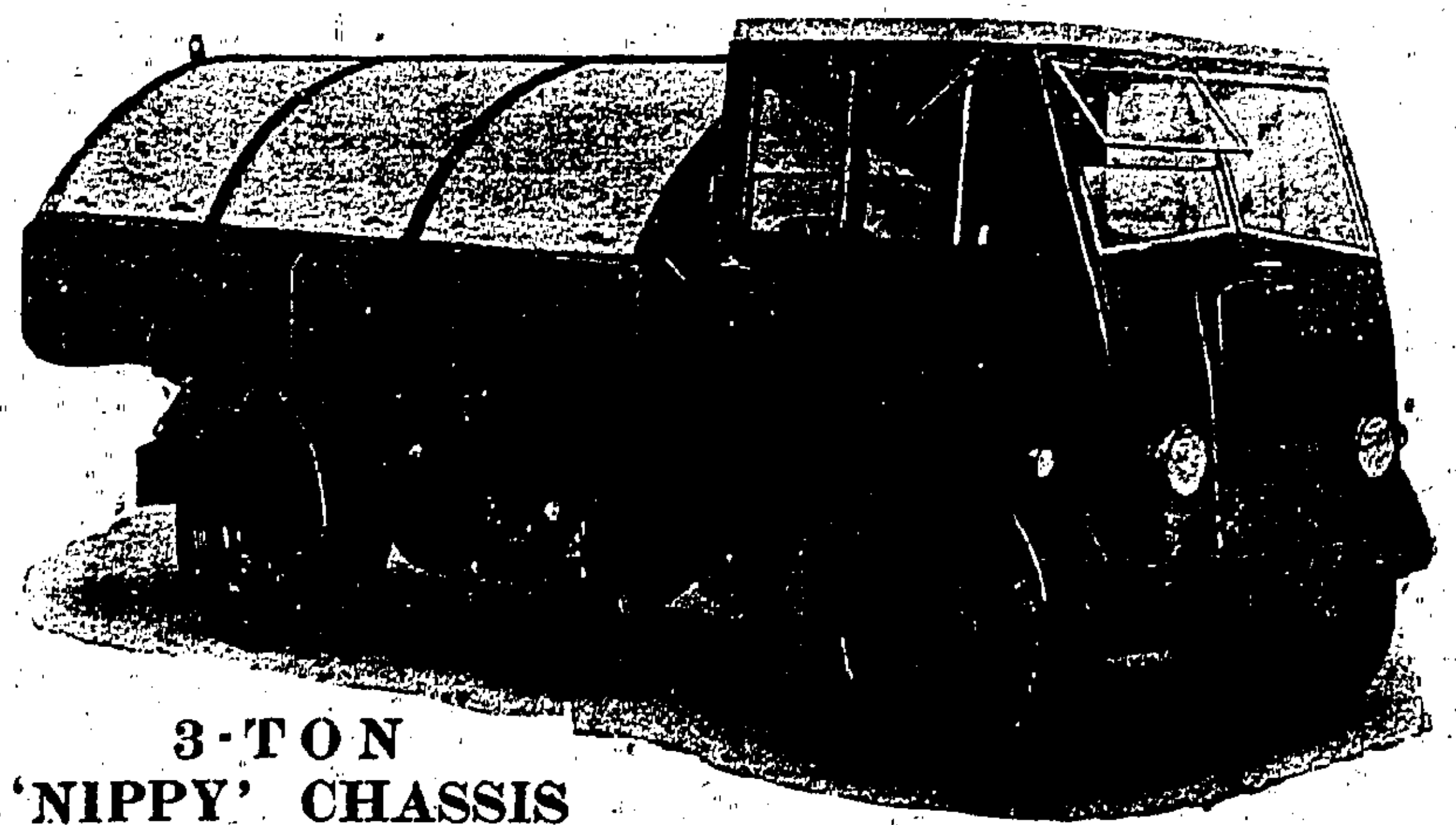
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LIGHTING PROBLEMS IN CONNEXION WITH A.R.P.

Interesting Talk At Tiffin Meeting Of Rotary Club

AN INTERESTING TALK ON "LIGHTING PROBLEMS IN CONNEXION WITH AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS" was given yesterday by Rotarian H. C. Margrett, speaking at the weekly tiffin meeting of the General Electric Company of England.

Rotarian Margrett dealt with problems associated with the A.R.P. lighting of streets, docks, wharves and larger buildings and factories in which it would be desired that work be continued throughout black-outs.

"It is clear that even in this Colony much activity would be carried on in the hours of darkness even under permanent black-out conditions, for which properly controlled, lighting would be required, and it is to the related problems that I wish to direct your attention," the speaker continued.

"The basis of A.R.P. lighting in Britain is the complete black-out. Interior lighting must be so screened as to be invisible from the ground or the air, and exterior lighting, where permitted, is regarded as an exception to the general rule.

EXTERIOR LIGHTING

"Exterior lighting is generally permitted only in certain circumstances for essential operations such as work in docks, and railway yards, for street lighting and for essential signs and aids to movement.

"Only where it is absolutely necessary are higher levels of illumination permitted which can be switched off in emergency. White lines and kerbs have been found valuable in making the best use of the light available, and illuminated signs are recommended in the Lighting Order to guide pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

"By the lighting restrictions ordered in Great Britain, the amount of light which is generally permitted to escape or to be used outdoors is nil. In the certain special exceptions already mentioned some exterior light is permitted, but its amount and distribution are very carefully controlled.

A. R. P. PROBLEMS

"The problems of A.R.P. lighting are therefore in the use of very small amounts of light in exempted outdoor situations, and in the effective screening of light used indoors. The amounts of light which are permitted outdoors are remarkably minute, particularly in view of the increasing illuminations which it was insisted were necessary just before the war, and their very minuteness brings a whole series of new problems.

CLAIM FOR RETURN OF RADIO SET

SUMMARY COURT HEARING

A Philco radio figured in an action at the Summary Court yesterday when a claim for the return of the set was brought before Mr. Justice Williams by Mrs. Mary Young, of No. 162, Queen's Road East, top floor, against the Kwong Ming Radio and Electrical Co., of No. 75, Hennessy Road, dealers in radios and electrical goods.

Defendants were represented by Mr. C. d'Almada.

According to the statement of claim, plaintiff purchased, on Aug. 12, a Philco six tube all-wave radio receiving set from defendants at the price of \$110. At the time the radio was already delivered by defendants to the plaintiff and was installed in plaintiff's residence. It was verbally arranged and agreed that payment of the purchase price should be made by plaintiff to defendants on Aug. 19.

SET REMOVED

On Aug. 15, during the plaintiff's temporary absence from her residence, defendants, or their servants or agents, unlawfully removed the set and detained and refused to give it up to plaintiff. Plaintiff therefore claims (a) damages for trespass; (b) the return of the Philco radio or \$110, its value; (c) damages for detention; and (d) costs of the action.

The defence is that the radio set was removed by the defendants with the knowledge and consent of the plaintiff.

Mrs. Young gave evidence. In answer to Mr. d'Almada, she said that the negotiations were made through Mr. William Chan-ning. She first had a Royal set for trial which she kept until Aug. 5 when she changed for the Philco.

Mrs. Young said that the cost of aerial erection and installation was included in the price of \$110 and denied that she knew defendants were to call for the radio on that day.

After evidence by Mr. Chan-ning, hearing was adjourned to Mar. 3, at 2.30 p.m.

FUNERAL OF MR. C. P. MARQUES

The funeral of Mr. Carlos Place Marques, who died at the age of 56 at the Kowloon Hospital, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery yesterday. The service was conducted by the Rev. Fr. E. Teruzzi.

The late Mr. Marques leaves a widow, son, Luiz, daughter, Albertina, two brothers, Mr. A. Z. Marques and Mr. Jose Marques, and a number of nephews to mourn his death.

A sheaf of flowers from his wife, Beatriz, was lowered with the casket.

THOSE PRESENT

Besides the chief mourners, those present were F. A. Rosano, S. A. Marcal, H. F. Pires, F. L. Silva, C. F. Vas, M. M. Roza, Mrs. E. Rocha, Mrs. Castro, A. V. Gosano, B. T. Gosano, G. N. Gosano, V. Xavier, A. M. P. Souza, C. O. Baptista, F. A. Noronha, Carlos Chan, A. C. Botelho, C. M. Alves, L. Gutierrez, J. Gutierrez, C. Roza-Pereira, A. Silva-Netto, Mr. E. J. de Figueiredo, J. O. Remedios, C. Cunha and many others.

Wreaths were sent by Luiz and Albertina, Roberto, Bertha and family, Tony and Stellita, Marie and Alta, Marichau and Sammy, Alm, Edo and Reggie, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mamak, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. de Figueiredo, Mrs. A. L. Marques and family, Amah Ah Yee, Staff of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China and Hart's Silk Store's girls.

ANNUAL MEETING OF H.K.C.M.A.

The annual general meeting and election of officers of the Hongkong Chinese Medical Association was held at the St. Francis Hotel, on Jan. 14, 1941, when the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President: Dr. Edward W. J. Sun; Vice-President: Dr. Lee Hah Liong; Hon. Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. H. C. Chan; Council Members: Dr. Li Shu Pui, Dr. Poon Seck Wah, Dr. Tseung Fat Im, Dr. D. K. Samy, Dr. Douglas Laing, Dr. N. K. Law, Dr. K. D. Ling, Dr. T. J. Hua.

URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

LICENCE TO BE REISSUED

Correspondence relative to the food factory licence at Nos. 10 to 14, Tak Ku Lung Road, ground floors, were tabled at the fortnightly meeting of the Urban Council yesterday.

It was explained by Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, Chairman of the Council, that the licence was granted for a rice and bean flour mill. It was found that a portion of the floor had been sub-let for the sale of pork.

The licensee was notified and asked to get rid of the sub-tenant, but took no heed of the notice. The sub-committee of the Council decided to cancel the licence.

APPEAL TO H.E.

The licensee, went on Mr. Carrie, appealed to H.E. the Governor, and the correspondence was referred back to the Council. It was disclosed that the licensee had been doing his best to get rid of the sub-tenant, and that action had actually been taken by him in the Summary Court.

The action was heard on Jan. 15 when judgment was given for the licensee and the sub-tenant was ordered to vacate on Feb. 2.

As, said Mr. Carrie, the objection to the premises being granted a licence was that they were sublet and as the sub-tenant had now removed, it was recommended that the licence be reissued.

BADLY LIGHTED

Application for a food shop licence for No. 313, Des Voeux Road Central was refused as the premises were very badly lighted and ventilated.

Application for a food shop licence for No. 12, Tin Hong Lane, ground floor (rear portion) was refused on the grounds that the premises were insufficient.

LICENCES ISSUED

Licences issued by the Council between Jan. 29 and Feb. 10, inclusive, were:

Food factories 2; food shops 3; eating houses 1.

Those present at the meeting were Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie (Chairman), Dr. N. G. MacLeod (Deputy Director of Health Services), Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. L. C. P. Bellamy, Mr. A. el Arculli, Dr. S. N. Chau, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. C. J. Roe (Secretary), and Mr. Im Ping-tseung (Assistant Secretary).

Refugees In The Colony

An increase of 29 in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps, etc., in urban and rural areas is revealed in the returns for the week ending on Feb. 8.

Urban Areas:—

King's Park—1,292 against 1,297 on Feb. 1.

Ma Tau Chung—1,424 against 1,383 on Feb. 1.

North Point—1,461 against 1,466 on Feb. 1.

Morrison Hill—533 against 539 on Feb. 1.

Urban Treas (Squatters' Camps):

Tai Hang—2,557 against 2,557 on Feb. 1.

Ngau Tau Kok—798 against 798 on Feb. 1.

Rural Areas:

Kam Tin—1,856 against 1,846 on Feb. 1.

Fanling Children's Camp—297 against 298 on Feb. 1.

Total—10,218 against 10,189 on Feb. 1.

B.W.O.F. DANCE PRIZES

In connexion with the B.W.O.F. Dance at the Peninsula Hotel on Jan. 3, the following prizes have not been claimed and are awaiting collection at the Peninsula Hotel.

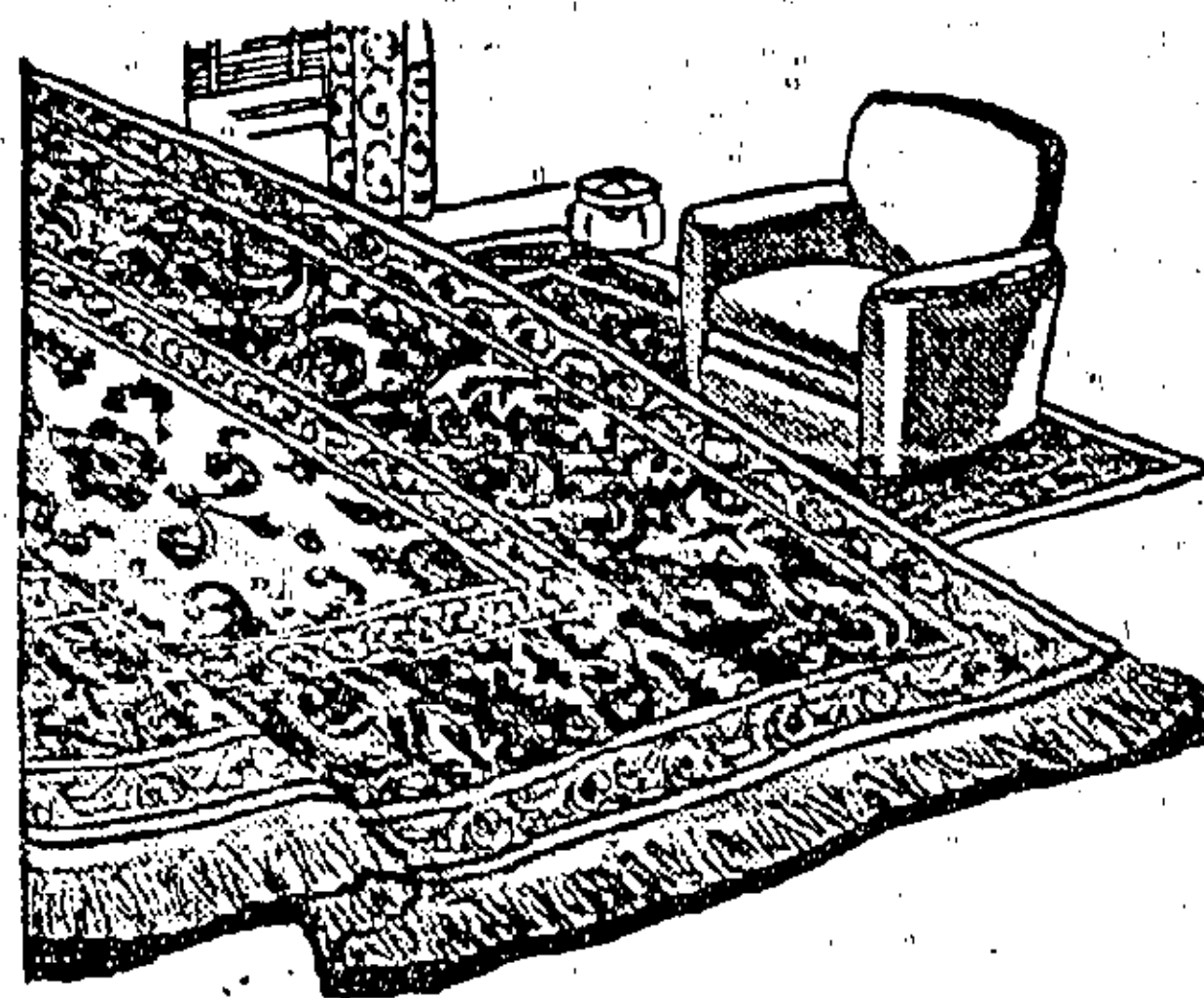
Ticket Lucky Numbers—719, Three Bottles Black Label Whisky; 862, One Carton Schilz Beer; 1126, Three Bottles Grant's Whisky; 1210, Bourjois Perfume; 1131, Two Bottles John's Hair Whisky; 677, Toast Rack.

Programme Lucky Numbers—573, \$50 Compadore Order on the Dairy Farm; 574, Gentleman's Wrist Watch; 272, Lady's Silver Compact, Cigarette case and Comb; 535, Out Glass Power Bowl; 120, Electric Iron; 527, Magnoni or Champagne.

MIDDLESEX REGT.

The British War Organisation Fund wishes to thank the Middlesex Regiment for their donation of \$1,000 collected by all Ranks.

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Free French Legion In Hongkong

M. E. Foulard, of Groupe Chêne, was appointed President of the Free French Legion in Hongkong when a meeting of Free Frenchmen was held yesterday at the home of M. Louis Blau, the retiring President, at Dina House. M. Foulard has been ten years in the Far East, the last three years in Hongkong.

M. Blau will be leaving Hongkong toward the end of the month, his destination unknown at the moment, pending instructions from General Charles de Gaulle. A presentation to him will be made at the Hongkong Hotel at noon today by the local Legion of Free Frenchmen.

M. Guy de Schompres, General de Gaulle's special representative in the Far East, presided at the meeting. In a short address, he asked local Frenchmen to support General de Gaulle and pointed out also that the Legion was not directing its activities to disunion in the French nation, but toward the common desire of all Frenchmen to drive the Nazis out of France.

Y.M.C.A. FILM NIGHT

For the benefit of members and their friends a Film Night will be held in the European Y.M.C.A. tomorrow at 9 p.m.

The following programme will be shown free of charge. Dominion Monarch, Five Faces of Malaya, Air Enterprise (Part 1), Air Enterprise (Part 2), Somerset Idyll, Sheep Dog (Part 1), Sheep Dog (Part 2), and two films from the Film Depot.

These films are shown by kind permission of The Directors of Education.

REMOVAL OF PERSONS

A Government Gazette Extraordinary was issued yesterday, and contained an additional Regulation (No. 59A) to The Defence Regulations, 1940, governing the removal of certain persons from the Colony.

The new Regulation states that "If the Governor deems it necessary in the interests of public safety, defence, or the efficient prosecution of the war, for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community, so to do, he may by order direct that any or all of the persons to whom this regulation applies shall be removed from this Colony."

MARINERS WARNED

Vessels navigating or lying at anchor in the examination area at the Western entrance to Sourabaya are warned to keep a sharp lookout for floating mines. Should they be sighted, a report is to be made to the pilot of the examination vessel.

Police Magistrate's Chamber Burgled!

Mr. K.M.A. Barnett, Police Magistrate, has informed the Police that someone entered his Chamber in the Kowloon Magistracy on Monday and decamped with \$160 in notes.

OTHER REPORTS

Miss L.G. Cheung, of the Chemical Works Geden Richter, Ltd., French Bank Building, reports that someone obtained from her medical tablets to the value of \$947.16 by a trick on Monday.

Miss Lui Chung-kam, of No. 43, Village Road, reports that while she was walking along Morrison Hill Road on Monday night, she had her handbag containing \$64.30 snatched away by an unknown Chinese.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

BANK HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of Exchange business on Monday and Tuesday, the 17th and 18th February (RACE MEETING).
Hong Kong, 11th Feb., 1941.

IN THE GOODS OF DAVID GORDON WILL, formerly of Victoria, Hong Kong, Marine Engineer, deceased.

All claims against the estate of the abovenamed deceased who died at Macao on the 18th day of January, 1941, must be sent without delay to the undersigned.

GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON & CO.,

Windor House,
Solicitors for the Official Administrator.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF HELEN MARTIN TURNBULL or MACKENZIE, sometime of Roselea, Caerlaverock Road, Prestwick, Ayrshire, Scotland, and late of 3 Park Avenue, Prestwick aforesaid deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897 made an order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to 3rd March, 1941.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

DEACONS.

Solicitors for the Executor,
1, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong.

KANSU TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION

Energetic efforts are being made by the Kansu Provincial authorities to increase food production in the province.

In order to effect improvements in agricultural enterprises, the provincial Government has appropriated \$150,000 as expenses for agricultural administration and \$5,000,000 to finance the work of the Agricultural Improvement Bureau.

According to Mr. Li Mow, Director of the Bureau, a comprehensive programme has been mapped out and is to be carried out in the current year.

It calls for expansion of the area of cotton plantation by 50,000 more mow, establishment of two nurseries at Mienhsien and Ningxi respectively, experiment in the raising of imported Dutch oxen and Italian domestic fowls, experiments in cotton and wheat cultivation in newly-developed areas, improvement in farming implements, and granting of small credit loans to farmers.—(Central News)

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 63 and the minimum 60.
Total rainfall since January 1 is 4.08 inches against an average of 1.85.

The Royal Observatory report states:—

The anticyclone continues to move slowly eastward, and now extends from N. China to Japan; pressure remains highest over Manchuria.

A shallow depression is developing over Thailand and Northern Indo-China.

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IN KEEPING THE PACIFIC SAFE

TWO IMPORTANT STATEMENTS—one designed to show the concern felt over the possibility of the present hostilities in Europe spreading to the Pacific, and the other on the results of the steps that had been taken, and are being taken, to prevent this—were published in the columns of this paper yesterday.

One of these was brief and to the point. It came from the Australian War Minister, Mr. P. C. Spender, who bluntly indicated how not only the fate of the Pacific, but that of the whole world, depended on the success with which Britain would be able to stand the coming test of strength against the forces of might. Mr. Spender is not an alarmist and he only stated a fact which even the British Prime Minister has openly acknowledged, when he declared that the next weeks would prove vital in the history of civilisation. How far Australia, as an important part of the British Commonwealth, was prepared to go to ensure that Britain would emerge from the test with flying colours was shown by the announcement from the Finance Minister of Australia that the country must be prepared for a bigger budget and that the Government, therefore, expected "everything from everybody."

SINCE the first contingent of Australian troops sailed to take an active part in the war which Britain was engaged in, there has never been any doubt of the spontaneity of the effort which that dominion was making to place the full resources of the country at the disposal of Britain. Every triumph which Britain has since been able to secure against the forces of barbarism, whether in air attacks on vital points of Germany's key industries and enemy warships, in the successful land drives against the Italian armies in Africa or in resisting German attempts to break down the morale and resistance of the people of Britain by indiscriminate bombing, has been shared by the dominion which has attained such an important place in the Commonwealth. Nor is this share in active warfare the end of Australia's efforts to restore peace to the world. Her position in the Pacific makes her the guardian of these waters and she has brought her own plans for defence and attack to a high state of perfection in the event of being called upon to fight for Britain's cause in this part of the world.

CHINA'S PART

THE OTHER STATEMENT, to which we referred at the beginning of this article, was perhaps the most comprehensive ever made in the detail it contained to show where, when and how the first step to make the Pacific safe, for all time was taken and the manner in which it is still being persistently and resolutely carried out. This exposition came from Mr. T.

READY FOR ANY CALL: WORK OF HOME GUARD EXPLAINED IN DETAIL

"The danger of invasion is still with us and its threat will increase as weather conditions improve. We must be on our guard. The Home Guard must continue to train and fit itself for the test that is almost certain to come," said LIEUT.-GENERAL T. R. EASTWOOD, Director General of the Home Guard, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the work of the Home Guard.

The speaker traced the history of the growth of the Home Guard in order to meet the new tactics adopted by the Germans in such matters as Fifth Columnists and traitors and the use of parachute troops.

HUGE RESPONSE

"It was to deal with parachutists to guard railways and main roads and to prevent sabotage that the Home Guard was formed," said Lieut.-General Eastwood. "It was hoped to raise 150,000 of these volunteers. Instead, from every industry and undertaking men and women poured in to answer the call to defend our land and in less than two months recruiting had to be closed down.

"Instead of the 150,000 we aimed at getting, 1,600,000 volunteers joined up to serve their country in the greatest trial it has ever faced. The Home Guard is recruited from every walk of life in Britain. It has now grown from infancy to manhood and it is ready for any call that may be made upon it.

V. Soong, China's leading banker and economist and former Finance Minister. Like Mr. Spender, Mr. Soong stated an indisputable fact when he declared, in the course of a speech at the China Society Dinner in New York, that it had been made plain to the whole world that a Chinese defeat at the hands of Japan would have been a reverse for the democracies and a serious setback for the cause for which they are now fighting. Here then was the first blow struck on behalf of democracy and for keeping the Pacific safe. Undaunted now, with an admiring world looking on, with her national unity strengthened under the inspired leadership of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the Chinese are playing their part, wholeheartedly and ungrudgingly, and there is no doubt today of the determination of the great powers of the west to help them to the utmost of their capacity.

MR. SOONG in no way exaggerated the extent of the value to the Democracies of China's resistance to the Japanese aggressors. What his words helped to do more than anything else was to make Britons and Americans alike understand, more clearly perhaps than they have realised before, that China is today holding the ramparts of the democracies in the Pacific, and that she has thus taken her place along with the British and American possessions in the East to make the Pacific, as Mr. Soong so eloquently put it, "safe for your children and your children's children." Mr. Soong really made one important plea when he emphasised China's need for more planes to combat the wanton destruction which the Japanese, in their desperation, have been causing by their Hun-like methods. With the course of the hostilities in Africa rapidly approaching a successful conclusion, there is every reason to believe that Britain and the United States will soon be able to make substantial additions to China's air power and thus equip her for the great and common purpose for which she is now gallantly fighting as their Eastern Ally.

"Many calls have already been made, and are being made, on its members and, with the rest of the population, the Home Guard has already had its baptism of fire."

DETAILS OF DUTIES

Lieut.-General Eastwood went on to detail the duties which the Home Guard would be called upon to perform. They would have to take part in the defence of towns and villages, factories and other vulnerable points. They would have to watch for the enemy, hold him, obstruct him and destroy him on all possible occasions. They had to watch for traitors who plan to do the enemy's work. They must look out for the fool who spreads rumours and for those who seem to be asking too many questions on military matters.

They must work with the volunteers and civil defence services and if the Home Guard was required to help the defence authorities, such a request would have to come from their military commander.

Members of the Home Guard must also know how to use a rifle and automatic and to use them effectively, to husband their ammunition and not to waste a single round. They had to acquaint themselves with every path and street and the closest approaches to their post or their commander and also the nearest police stations.

Apart from this, a member of the Home Guard had to know where to go when asked to flow to get there, what he had to take with him, what he had to do when he gets there, whose command he was under and the others he would have to work with. He had to learn to move unseen across the country, and having found his enemy, he must never leave him.

ONE ADVANTAGE

"The Home Guard," went on Lieut.-General Eastwood, "had one tremendous advantage over the enemy and that is local knowledge and that is of the greatest importance if properly used. The enemy will be working under great difficulties, because he will be moving in country that is unknown to him and among people hostile to him.

"I have met many members of the Home Guard and there are certain points in which they are alike, no matter how their views may differ. One and all of them are filled with the desire to do what they can to get themselves efficient. Their morale is excellent in spite of the difficult conditions under which training is carried out. It is the intense keenness of everyone, that has impressed me most.

"I am not going to say that the Home Guard is perfect," declared Lieut.-Gen. Eastwood, "but I do believe that, thanks to the help it has received from the regular army, the police and the public services and private sources is accomplishing much and it is now a force to be reckoned with."

INVASION THREAT

"The danger of invasion is still with us and threats will increase as weather conditions improve. We must be on our guard and the Home Guard must continue to train and fit itself for the test that is almost certain to come.

"We shall overcome this threat and the Home Guard will play its part in doing so. There is no shadow of doubt about it and our enemies cannot afford to ignore the Home Guard. So long as the Home Guard continues to show, as it has done in the past and is doing now, the same keenness and preparedness, its influence on future history will be great."

COMPTROLLERS' CONFERENCE

The Office of the Comptroller General of the National Government Headquarters is calling a National Comptrollers Conference in Chungking Feb. 20.

A preparatory committee has been formed with Messrs. Wen Yi-yu and Yang Tseh-chang as respectively Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General.

More than 200 comptrollers, accountants, statisticians and experts have been summoned to attend the conference. Many proposals have already been received.—(Central News)

CORRESPONDENCE

B.W.O.F. THANKS SUPPORTERS

The Editor, H.K. Daily Press

Dear Sir—The Committee of the B.W.O.F. would like to express through your columns, its gratitude to all those who were in any way concerned in making the Dance, held at the Peninsula Hotel on Jan. 31, so outstanding a success.

Through the generosity and hard work of so many people a sum of approximately \$12,000 was added to the Fund, more than enough to pay for the whole of the first consignment of comforts and hospital necessities asked for by the Red Cross for the Middle East, a part of the world which is just now urgently in need of all the help the War Organisations can give.

Calls on the purse here have been particularly heavy this month, and the Committee feels that such a very generous response is especially gratifying.

In particular, thanks are due to the Management of the Peninsula Hotel for their very efficient organisation.

Yours very truly,
(Mrs.) K. K. EDMONDSTON,
Chairman, Entertainment Committee, B.W.O.F.

SHIP FIRE AT DOCKS

The Fire Brigade was called out yesterday evening to a fire in No. 3 bunker aboard an E. and A. Line vessel at No. 1 Dock, Kowloon Docks.

The hold contained several 100 bags of Australian flour and a number were damaged.

No persons were injured.

VALUABLE DOG FOUND

A black mastiff dog, found wandering in Tsimshatsui yesterday, is now being kept at the Dog's Home, Kowloon, awaiting a claimant. It is believed the dog is a valuable one.

NEWSETTES

A sale of flowers for charity will be held by the China Women's Relief Association on Saturday.

The marriage took place on Feb. 1, 1941, in Manila, of Jean Gassaway to Harry Edward Arnold.

W. J. Morris formerly of Municipal Police in Shanghai and Tientsin, joined up the Royal Australian Air Force in West Melbourne as a sergeant.

The death occurred on Jan. 29, at Ferndown, England, of Annie Gray Maitland, the widow of Robert Coventry Forsyth, who was for many years a missionary in Shantung.

The forthcoming marriage between Mr. Lam Kiu-gee, clerk, residing at No. 111 Jaffe Road, and Miss Leung Lal-yng, of No. 40, Hennessy Road, was announced at the Registry yesterday.

At the Y. M. C. A. Discussion Group on Sunday next, Feb. 16 at 9 p.m. The Speaker will be Rev. E. Moreton and the Subject will be "The Man Who Didn't Know the Meaning of Can't."

An interesting talk on "My principles of scientific management of Industrial Enterprises," was given by Mr. John W. Y. Yuen, manager of the China Can Company, Ltd., to members of the Hongkong University Economic Society in the University Union Assembly Room last night.

The m.v. "Hin Sang" which is being built to the order of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., will be launched at the Kowloon Docks on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 4 p.m. The Christening ceremony will be performed by Lady Grayburn.

A lecture, entitled "Coronary Syndromes," will be given by Prof. P. B. Wilkinson, M. B. B. S. M. R. C. S. L. R. C. P., at the Union Assembly Room of the Hongkong University at 8.30 p.m., on Feb. 21, under the auspices of the Medical Society of the University.

MR. MENZIES GIVES

AUSTRALIAN MESSAGE TO BRITISH PEOPLE

"We know what this fight is about. We believe in its justice. We believe that truth can never be put down by adventurers or knaves. We most solemnly vow that so long as we have any strength left in us Britain will not fight alone. We are for victory and everything it means to us. The battle of Libya has been the first dramatic sign that the hour-glass has turned."

This message to the British people from the people of Australia was given by MR. R. G. MENZIES, the Prime Minister of Australia, in a broadcast, states a London message.

Mr. Menzies, who has been visiting the battle area in North Africa, said that it was with amazement that one realised that a mere handful of British and Australian troops should have stormed through to victory and destroyed, by death or capture, ten or 12 divisions of the Italian Army.

Mr. Menzies said he had been told that the Italian runners fought well but their troops could not, or would not, stand up to the final assault.

MAIN LESSON

The main lesson to be learned from the victories in Libya was that no dictator can build up an empire on the foundation of his own vanity. Tobruk, like many of the other towns captured by the Army of the Nile, was full of Fascist memorials and written on walls was the slogan, "Nothing is impossible." But a slogan was no substitute for fortitude, said Mr. Menzies.

Mr. Menzies went on to say that he did not leave the battle area merely full of mere exultation but with the realisation that this was a crusade. No man could contemplate the deeds of these our heroes of the land, sea and air without the determination of doing all he could to support them. No half-measures would be sufficient. The more one saw of these countries where British power was growing "the more one realises the enemy has yet to see the best of us."

Mr. Menzies emphasised that one must realise that in this war the



MR. MENZIES

soldier in the front line and the workman in the factory were brothers-in-arms. In Australia they had endeavoured, perhaps imperfectly, to live up to this ideal.

TWENTY TIMES

"From the schedule and records I have before me I shall be intensely disappointed if we do not turn out twenty times the volume of munitions this year," he said. "At the peak of the last war we had 3,000 workers engaged but before the end of this year we shall have 150,000."

Before he left Australia for his visit to England, said Mr. Menzies, Parliament passed without division, war expenditure totalling £190,000,000 and for the purpose of that expenditure the Commonwealth taxation was actually trebled.

Economic Conference Created In Chungking

An Economic Conference has been established under the Executive Yuan by order of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for the purpose of strengthening wartime economy, regulating commodity prices, stabilising the currency, increasing production, adjusting supply and demand and improving the people's livelihood.

Generalissimo Chiang is concurrently Chairman of the Conference, and Dr. H.H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan and Minister of Finance, Vice-Chairman, and the Ministers of Economic Affairs, War, Communications, Agriculture and Forestry and Social Welfare, General and Director of the Political Affairs Department of the Executive Yuan, Chief and Deputy Chief of General Staff, Deputy of the Board of Military Operations, Quarter-master-General, Director of the 1st and 2nd Departments of the Adjutants' Office under the Generalissimo, Director of the National Food Control Bureau, Governor and Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of China, Secretary-General of the Joint Head Office of the Central Bank of China, the Bank of China, the Bank of Communications and the Farmers' Bank of China, Chairman of the National Resources Commission, and Chairman of the Trade Commission are ex-officio members.

General Ho Yao-tsu is Secretary-General and Messrs. Ku Cheng-kang and Dr. T.F. Tsiang are Deputy Secretaries-General.

Under the Secretariate are the Political Affairs, Food, Resources, Wages, Transport, Finance, Investigation, Inspection and Military Affairs Sections. There is also a Technical Commission composed of experts.—(Central News)

Honan Provincial Government for capital investment in the establishment of a paper mill to be equipped with his invented machines.—(Central News)

New Paper-Making Machine Invented

After years of study and experiments, Mr. Chang Cheng-pang, a native of Chang in southern Honan, has invented a new paper-making machine, which is adaptable to the manufacture of papers of various kinds including bond paper and the native Mao Blen paper.

Mr. Chang has petitioned the

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"British Were Stronger Than Ourselves," Says Gen. Bergonzoli

The latest communique from Cairo, according to a message from London, states:—

LIBYA—Information has been received that General Telleria who was captured with other Italians died later from wounds received during the fighting at Benghazi.

ERITREA, ABYSSINIA AND ITALIAN SOMALILAND—Operations in all directions continue satisfactorily.

Indian Education In Canada

Approximately 16 per cent of Canada's 118,000 Indians are attending school, according to the Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines and Resources, which reports that enrolments in Indian schools in the Dominion now total almost 19,000.

This is an increase of about 3,000 over the attendance at Indian schools in 1930, and indicates the manner in which the Indians are responding to the efforts being made to educate their children.

At present 367 Indian schools are in operation, and new ones are being added to meet the growing requirements on the Indian population.

During the past summer enlargement of one of the Indian day schools on the Six Nations Reserve near Bratford, Ontario, brought the number of two-roomed schools up to three, and made it possible to provide Grade 9 training on this reserve for the first time.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

Approximately 50 children who passed their entrance examinations this year are now enrolled in Grade 9 in schools on the Six Nations Reserve.

Two new Indian schools were built in British Columbia this year. At Alberni a residential school was completed in August, and the staff and pupils have been transferred to it from Coqualeetza, situated near Sardis.

The latter building is now being remodelled and will be used for hospital purposes. At Kitimat a two-room day school is nearing completion, which will provide accommodation for 70 children and will be equipped for vocational training.

In recent years special emphasis has been placed on vocational training for the Indian pupils, such as agriculture, carpentry, and domestic science.

In addition to the regular vocational courses, for which provision has now been made at practically all day and residential schools,

General Bergonzoli summed up the situation when he said, "The British were stronger than ourselves. We were beaten by a superior force and staying power."

The General added that he received orders to break through at all costs and to attack south of Benghazi. Both failed.

The ammunition he had left was only enough for half-an-hour's fighting.

The General made a plea to correspondents to deny that he had deserted his troops at Bardia.

"Finally," said Bergonzoli, "this feat by the British has sealed the fate of Marshal Graziani's North African Army."

TREMENDOUS DRIVE
The capture of Benghazi was the climax of tremendous cross-country drive in appalling weather conditions. British forces struck 60 miles across muddy country and attacked the Benina aerodrome from the rear. They reached the main highway two hours before the fleeing Italians, after a forced march of over 150 miles, and 15,000 officers and men, including a general, major-general and four brigadier-generals, put up their hands.

Messages flashed back to Headquarters from British tanks were significant. The first one was "Spotted enemy." "Contacted enemy." Twenty-four hours later, "Defeated them," and finally, "Bergonzoli in the bag."

CONTROL GUARANTEE
The capture of Cyrenaica is a further guarantee of the control of Mediterranean shipping.

The Royal Navy contributed to this by the bombardment of Genoa in which hits were registered on dry docks, engine works, a power station and railway marshalling yards and the Ansaldo electrical works.

Although the Germans claim that the British ships launched the attack under the cover of fog no reports of poor visibility have been received by the naval authorities.

special courses in hand-loom weaving, the care and feeding of fur-bearing animals, bee-keeping, and wrought metal working, have been arranged at a number of Indian schools.

Japan May Soon Be Compelled To Throw In Lot With Axis

JAPAN MAY SOON BE COMPELLED TO THROW IN HER LOT WITH THE AXIS AND ENTER THE WAR AGAINST THE ALLIES, states a London message.

The Japanese Government is now preparing the nation for some special event.

The message added that the armistice between INDIA-CHINA and THAILAND had been postponed for two weeks from yesterday morning.

PROTECTION FOR JAPANESE SHIPS

TOKYO, Feb. 11 (Reuter).—Moving to meet the threat of surface and undersea commerce raiders, the Government introduced to the Diet a Bill for the protection of merchant vessels under which the Navy will be accorded wide powers in directing shipping operations in case of war or during incident as well as a situation wherein conflict between third party Powers threatens the security of Japanese sea lanes.

Under the Bill, the Navy will be authorised to set courses for merchant shipping, designate ports, provide escorts or order formation of convoys.

JAPANESE BOARD FISHING JUNK

Japanese seamen off a motor-boat boarded a Hongkong-registered fishing junk, No. 3073 HA, off Sam Mun Kwan in Chinese waters on Feb. 2, according to a report made yesterday to the Water Police by Sun Fat-wah, master of the craft.

The junk was bound for Ping Hoi with a crew of 17.

Five Japanese, in khaki uniform, boarded and after a search of the junk took away a rifle and several rounds of ammunition.

CHUNGKING, Feb. 11 (Reuter).—

By special order of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the body of Admiral Baron Osumi, a member of the Japanese Supreme War Council and former Navy Minister who was killed on Feb. 5 when his aeroplane with eight others was allegedly shot down near Chungshan by Chinese guerrillas, will be taken to Kunlunkwan, the famous pass in southern Kwangsi north of Nanning, to be buried with military honours together with other Japanese officers and men who fell in battle in Southern Kwangsi.

SHIPPING LOSSES AGAIN BELOW WAR AVERAGE

For the seventh week in succession British mercantile shipping losses were less than the average for the war but higher than the average for the month of January, states a London message. For the week ending Feb. 2-3, the losses were: 11 BRITISH (40,429 tons); THREE ALLIED (13,372 tons); and ONE NEUTRAL (2,362 tons), making a total of fifteen ships with an aggregate of 57,263 tons.

FRANCO AND MUSSOLINI

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as intermediary and that some sort of negotiations have been opened between Britain and Italy.

According to the Vichy correspondent of the Columbia broadcasting system, the reason for the meeting between Franco and Hitler appeared to be to work out arrangements for the evacuation of Italian troops from North Africa to Spain.

NO MENTION

The Rome Radio made no mention of the possibility of Hitler going to Italy, states a London message.

A German newspaper, commenting on the situation in Vichy, said: "We have nothing to say on the appointment of Admiral Darlan. He represents the will to collaborate with Germany but we would have preferred it if Pierre Laval had taken over the helm of the State at once."

The paper implied that Petain should no longer continue as Head of the State.

It goes on to declare that Laval refused the offer made to him because he would not have been able to continue collaboration with Germany without indispensable authority.

The solution of the problem is not final or complete and Admiral

Peace talks are still going on in Tokyo and Japan's mediation in this dispute shows that she is hoping to secure greater control to act from bases in Indo-China. —(Special)

Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent writes the extraordinary speeches of Mr. Matsuo, Japanese Foreign Minister, which on the subject of war and peace are self contradictory, the attitude of the Japanese Press, movements and concentrations of Japanese forces and the hasty attempt to patch up some form of agreement with Russia are all pointers to the direction of mind.

It is the direction of adventure where the gains would be problematical but the risks disastrous. The situation may be described as containing causes for alarm without being threatening.

Faced by stalemate against Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek Japan has exploited the situation between Indo-China and Thailand to her advantage.

Germany could not help Japan and, if as the result of this policy Japan were sacrificed, Germany could not lift a finger to save her.

Moderate Japanese circles realise that nothing would suit the Soviet policy better than to see Japan involved in a dispute with either Britain or America.

Unfortunately, these moderate elements appear to have but little influence on the situation.

STRENUOUS EFFORTS

Reuter learns that well-informed circles in London are closely watching the strenuous efforts which Hitler is making to bring Japan into war to relieve pressure on himself as the result of Italy's collapse.

The German game is that simultaneously with a spring blitz against Britain, Japan should attack the Dutch East Indies and Malaya with a view of diverting the British Fleet and resources.

As an inducement to Japan to pull the chestnuts from the fire for Germany, Hitler is believed to have promised Tokyo he can persuade Moscow to conclude a non-aggression pact with Japan.

NEW ZEALAND WAR WORK

WELLINGTON, Feb. 11 (Reuter).—The manufacture of munitions has become an important part of New Zealand's war work, said Mr. Sullivan, Minister of Supplies, yesterday.

The production of munition covers Bren gun carriers, trench mortars, bombs (including high explosives), steel helmets and small arms.

Minesweepers are being built and an improved type will soon be produced.

After British experts have reported, it is expected that Britain will establish programmes suitable for New Zealand to carry out. Government is training munition workers.

MESSAGE TO CHURCHILL

"Our thoughts and prayers are with you always" cabled Mr. Fraser, Premier of New Zealand, in sending his heartfelt congratulations yesterday to Mr. Winston Churchill on his "splendid address."

"Its inspiring and heartening character will strengthen the will and fine spirit of all British peoples throughout the world in their determination to complete the task to which they set their hand."

Mr. Fraser, also cabled congratulations to General Sir Archibald Wavell from the Government and people of New Zealand on the capture of Benghazi.

NEW ESCORT VESSELS

OTTAWA, Feb. 11 (Reuter).—Thirty-five Corvettes—a new type of escort vessels—have been launched in Canada for the Canadian Navy, announced the Canadian Minister for Munitions, Mr. Hope.

These are additional to the 10 Corvettes built in Canada and handed to the Royal Navy.

However, it is added that at least 14 other Corvettes and 18 minesweepers are expected to be launched by next May.

U.S. NATIONAL DEBT LIMIT RAISED

President Roosevelt has asked for an appropriation of \$138,000,000, the bulk of which is for emergency building plans of the War Department, states a London message.

The House of Representatives has sent a Bill to the Senate raising the National Debt limit from \$9,800,000,000 to \$13,000,000,000.

Two British Treasury officials have arrived in Washington. —(Special)

FIREWOOD PRICES

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over any supplies which they may import to certain local dealers, thus saving Government the necessity of providing for storage.

Questioned as to Government's intentions in regard to charcoal, the price of which has now reached the record high of \$7.20 per picul (against the normal price of \$2.80), Mr. Anderson stated that, like that of firewood, it was all a question of insufficient shipping facilities.

TWO SOURCES CLOSED

Another point, said Mr. Anderson, was that two of the principal sources of supply—French Indo-China and China—have been closed.

Government are, however, keeping a careful watch on the situation, and all declarations as to stocks and cost prices are carefully scrutinised.

Price of firewood yesterday was 23 cabbies to a dollar as against 24 cabbies on Monday.

"FROZEN" FOREIGN ASSETS IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (Reuter).—Foreign assets valued at \$4,389,000,000 are "frozen" in the United States according to a Treasury estimate.

These assets belong to countries which are completely or partially occupied by Germany, with the exception of \$29,000,000 belonging to Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, which are now incorporated in the Soviet Union.

The figures for other countries are: France, \$1,593,000,000; Netherlands, \$1,619,000,000; Denmark, \$92,000,000; Norway, \$175,000,000; Belgium, \$780,000,000; Luxembourg, \$48,000,000 and Rumania, \$53,000,000.

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Ladies' Dept.

Germans Will Occupy Bulgarian Capital

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Schools in certain districts have been suspended.

The correspondent adds the Bulgarian Army is concentrated in the south and south-east.

All references to the Balkans in Mr. Churchill's Sunday broadcast were omitted from Press reports in Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, state Reuter reports from Sofia and from Belgrade.

ACCEPTED WITH RESERVE

There can be doubt as to the concentration of German troops in Rumania, says Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent, but reports of "train loads of German troops arriving in Sofia from Rumania" must be accepted with reserve.

No direct railway communications between Rumania and Bulgaria exist nor are there any bridges across that part of the Danube which forms the common frontier.

Moreover, the Danube, at present frozen, forms a barrier extremely difficult to negotiate as the river's surface is congealed in a mass of blocks and floes of ice, forming an almost insurmountable obstacle to vehicular traffic.

TURKISH DOUBTS

ANKARA, Feb. 11 (Reuter).—Doubt, as to whether Mr. Churchill's references in his speech on Sunday to Bulgaria will have much effect in that country, is expressed in Turkish circles.

ITALIAN REPLY TO U.S. PROTEST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (Reuter).—In reply to the United States protest against the bombing of an American mission in Anglo-Egyptian Sudan last August, the Italian Government has denied that the attack was made by Italian planes.

It declares that according to a report received from the Italian East African High Command, "the report of the bombardment of the mission as broadcast by the British is unfounded, so far as we are concerned."

NAZI AIR CREW DETAINED

LISBON, Feb. 11 (Reuter).—A German officer and five members of the crew of a crashed bomber are detained near Moura, Portugal, where they were forced down.

A London message states that the Germans got about 13 miles away towards the Spanish frontier which they did not succeed in reaching. —(Special)

Here the references were received with the greatest interest for Balkan defensive alliance is Turkey's idea of what would constitute a sensible move.

It is pointed out that Germany could not easily push into the Balkans against 30 Yugoslav divisions, 50 Turkish divisions and the Bulgarian Army supported by the British Navy and air force.

Bulgaria's attitude, however, is believed to be influenced by her revisionist claims, particularly that for territorial outlet to the Aegean Sea.

MOTORISED UNITS

ISTANBUL, Feb. 11 (Reuter).—The correspondent of the Independent French News Agency today says that the Germans are concentrating motorised units in the Middle Danube area between Calafat and Turnu and Severin opposite the Bulgarian town of Vidin near the meeting point of the frontiers of Bulgaria, Rumania and Yugoslavia.

The correspondent emphasises that there is no confirmation of this report from other sources.

OFFICIAL DENIAL

SOFIA, Feb. 11 (Reuter).—An official denial that "Germans" had entered Bulgaria and that Bulgarian aerodromes have been occupied by them, was circulated by the official Bulgarian Telegraph Agency at midnight.

CALAIS DOCKS BOMBED

SHIPPING LIFTED OUT OF WATER

LONDON, Feb. 11 (Reuter).—The air raids on the Calais docks have proved even more successful and bombs were dropped on many parts of the harbour, according to later official details.

The pilot of one aircraft said he watched the bombs explode and saw the bursts lift shipping clear out of water. They saw the bottoms of some small craft as they overturned and fell back completely wrecked.

A direct hit was obtained on the goods train on the railway near the docks.

FIGHTER MISSING

Only one British fighter is missing from the aircraft which participated in the offensive sweeps over northern France today.

This is revealed by an Air Ministry communique dealing with the operations.

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BOGUS AIR RAID WARDENS.

A notification issued by the Air Raid Precautions Department yesterday warns householders not to pay any attention to persons who may call upon them, purporting to be Air Raid Wardens, unless they are either in uniform, or wearing the A.R.P. Badge, a numerical Identity Disc and an Armet.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

TREE PROSECUTIONS

Tsang Lun, 38, was fined \$15 or one month hard labour by Major A.N. Macfadyen yesterday for damaging a wild tree, valued at \$15, on a hillside above Tai Shek Street on Feb. 10.

A fine of \$25 or two months' hard labour was imposed on Tam Hang, 46, for possessing a dried pine tree, valued at \$25, at No. 30 Government Plantation, near the Talkoo Reservoir.

Sgt. Kinloch prosecuted in both cases.

RETURNED BANISHEE

Returning from banishment for 10 years in August 4, 1939, Ng Yut-cho, 40, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Major Macfadyen yesterday.

THEFT OF WHISKY

Appearing before Mr. Sheldon yesterday, Lau Pui, 45, was charged with larceny of two bottles of whisky from a shop at No. 100, Johnston Road, ground floor, on Feb. 10, and Li Lan, 37, married woman, with receiving.

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Bentley said that the defendants entered the shop at 2.30 p.m.

First defendant was additionally charged with breach of deportation order and was sentenced to eight months' hard labour, while second defendant received six weeks.

THREE MONTHS' GAOL

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed on Ko Shu-pui, 17, unemployed, by Mr. Sheldon yesterday for breaking into the office of Oriental Theatre on Feb. 9 and stealing a suit of woollen clothing, table fan, dozen cans of Brasso, dozen red pencils and a book of cinema tickets, to the total value of \$104.

Det.-Sgt. Bentley prosecuted.

TRICK ALLEGED

Wan Chi-wong, 31, and Li Ping, 37, both described as brokers, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday on a charge of attempting to steal 19.7 piculs of wolfram ore, valued at \$3,000, by means of a trick from Hui Shing, accountant of Tung Shing Loong Firm, Cheung Chau Island, between Jan. 7 and 10.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ is for the prosecution.

Det.-Sgt. T. Cashman asked for a remand of one week, and this was granted.

Ball of \$2,000 each was allowed.

EMBEZZLEMENT ALLEGED

Appearing before Mr. Sheldon yesterday, Wong Kiu-fai, alias Wong Kung but, 31, salesman, charged with on Dec. 28, 1939, then being a clerk or servant to Chan Siu-wai and others carrying on business under the firm name of Wing Shun, fraudulently embezzled the sum of \$5,000, was further remanded for three days.

Mr. P. Y. Woo, for the prosecution, told the Court that additional charges were being framed, and that the total sum involved amounted to some \$30,000.

Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios is appearing for defendant.

TECHNICAL OMISSION

On account of a technical omission in the proceedings, the case in which Chan Chai-sheung, manager of the Kin On firm, No. floor, summoned for applying false 27, Des Voeux Road West, ground trade description to goods, a mixture of Saccharin and potash alum, and having in possession for sale, or for purposes of trade or manufacture, goods of Saccharin and potash alum, to which a false trade description was applied, was dismissed by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Mr. D. H. Blake, of Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. E. S. C. Brooks was for the defence.

THEFT OF COAL

Pleading guilty to stealing two pieces of coal from the Cheong Kee Coal Yard, Gloucester Road, on Feb. 9, Lo Fo-tai, 17, unemployed, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, who appeared on behalf of the company, stated that defendant was a member of a gang of 30 who had done much coal-stealing from the yard lately.

Fifteen persons have been detained by the Police on suspicion of being involved in the murder of Detective Li Yim at Shataukok on Jan. 24.

AT KOWLOON

DEMANDING MONEY

Convicted of demanding \$1 with menace from a dairyman of the Great East Dairy, Li Nam, 19, gardener, was sentenced to four months' hard labour, to be followed by expulsion by Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. C. Downman, prosecuting said that complainant, Lau Wan, went to the Tung Hon Tea-house at Prince Edward Road on Saturday 4. He met defendant who threatened him and asked him to pay \$1 as entrance fee to a certain society or he would be assaulted.

Complainant reported to the Police. He was given a \$1 note, which was marked and the number taken, and instructed to give same to the defendant. The following evening the two again met at the tea-house and complainant handed over the note. As soon as defendant received the note he was arrested by a Chinese detective who was waiting there by arrangement.

EVASION OF FARE

A fine of \$25 was imposed by Mr. Himsforth yesterday on Wong Chang, 23, clerk, for evading payment of bus fare.

Sgt. Gordon said that defendant was asked by a ticket inspector for his ticket near Dundas Street on Monday. He said that he was a monthly ticket holder. The inspector requested him to produce his season ticket but he failed to do so. He was taken back to the Bus Co. where it was found that defendant was never a ticket holder.

\$5,000 BAIL

Ball of \$5,000 each was granted by Mr. Himsforth yesterday to Leung Shiu, 49, married woman, and Li Ping, 50, spinster, who were charged with possession of dangerous drugs, heroin pills without licence.

Defendants were remanded for seven days for the pills to be counted.

FINED AND GAOLED

Appearing on a charge of keeping a prostitutes' lodging house at No. 8, Chi Wo Street, Wong Sum, 32, was fined \$150 and sentenced to a month's hard labour by Mr. K.M.A. Barnett yesterday.

It was stated that a raid was carried out by the Police on Monday at the address where 21 girls, between the ages of 19 and 25, were found.

It was alleged that these girls' photographs were put in various hotels for customers to choose and hotel boys would summon the girls by telephone.

It was also alleged that the lodging house was operated similarly to the escort bureaux and 35 cents out of each dollar earned by the girls would go to defendant.

AT KOWLOON

SHOPBREAKING

Cheng Po, 30, Liu Yee-kwong, 20, Yuen Choi-ching, 19, and Chan Chung-yin, 21, were charged yesterday by Mr. Himsforth with shopbreaking at the Hariram silk store, Nathan Road.

First accused was sentenced to six months' hard labour, and the others to three months each. All accused are to be expelled from the Colony after their terms. The sum of \$6.20 found on the last accused was ordered to be paid to complainant as compensation.

WOMEN CHARGED

Hearing of the case, in which a married woman and three girls, including two juveniles, were charged with stealing from shops at Nathan Road, was commenced before Mr. Himsforth yesterday.

Accused were Chong Lin, 22, Or Yuk, 17, women, a 14-year-old and a 10-year-old girl, all charged with larceny of a metal necklace, metal bangle, a pair of silk stockings from No. 178, Nathan Road, property of Mrs. S. Fisher, and a pair of shoes from No. 244A, Nathan Road and a sable fur from No. 132, Nathan Road.

First accused was additionally charged with the theft of a pair of stockings and unlawful possession of three raincoats, a pair of shorts and a piece of silk reasonably suspected to have been stolen.

Mr. Percy Chen, appearing on behalf of defendants, pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Det.-Sgt. F. A. Estall prosecuted.

After evidence, hearing was adjourned to Saturday morning.

DROP IN MAINLAND WATER STORAGE

A drop of over 700 million gallons is the storage of water in reservoirs on the mainland as at February 1, compared with the figures on February 1, 1940, is disclosed in the water returns for the past month.

The total was 1,572.91 million gallons against 2,297.37 on Feb. 1, 1940.

CONSUMPTION

According to the figures, the estimated population stands at 1,700,000, against 850,000 and consumption per head of population still shows an increase to 14.3 gallons against 11.2 gallons.

Consumption of water at Lai Chi Kok Water Boat Dock showed a drop to 4.55 million gallons against 6.29 million gallons, while consumption of unfiltered water in villages during the month showed an increase to 14.59 million gallons against 10.72 million gallons.

Supply was again restricted to 17 hours, except for two days during the Chinese New Year holidays.

ISLAND POSITION

The position on the island was better, the returns showing 1,337.45 million gallons on Feb. 1, 1941, against 1,307.09 on Feb. 1, 1940.

Here too the estimated population shows a decrease from 960,000 to 830,000 but consumption per head shows an increase from 15.1 to 16.4 gallons.

COLONY HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the week ended at midnight on Feb. 8:—Cholera, two cases; Small-Pox, two cases (one death); Diphtheria, 13 cases (six deaths); Enteric Fever, 11 cases (nine deaths); Measles, 19 cases (four deaths); Chicken-Pox, three cases; Cerebro-Spinal Fever, five cases (two deaths); Dysentery, 40 cases (11 deaths); Tuberculosis, 129 deaths and one imported case.

DAILY RETURNS

The Returns for the 24 hours ended at midnight on Feb. 10 are as follows:—Cholera, one case; Diphtheria, three cases; Measles, three cases; Cerebro-Spinal Fever, three cases; Dysentery, one case; Puerperal Fever, one case; Tuberculosis, 40 cases.

MORE "TSE-FA" GAMBLERS FINED

Further raids on alleged common gaming houses for the purpose of "tse fa" were conducted by the Police on Monday, and the following men appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday:—

Yan Cheung, 21, hawker, No. 136, Wanchai Road, first floor, was fined \$75.

Li Yau, 48, unemployed, No. 3, Burrow Street, first floor, was also fined \$75.

A total of \$10.22 picked up in the raids was ordered to be placed in the Poor Box.

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Bentley prosecuted in each case.

journed to Saturday morning.

IMMIGRATION DISCLOSURE

That immigration control on the border had its gaps through which a person could slip without a permit nor being noticed by the authorities was disclosed before Mr. Barnett yesterday when Chung Ying, 35, was charged with keeping a brothel.

Defendant admitted that he had entered the Colony only a week ago without a permit.

Convicted of keeping a brothel, defendant was fined \$30, or six weeks' hard labour, and was ordered to be expelled.

Accused was ordered to be taken to the Immigration Department for the purpose of investigations.

MARINE COURT

Five fishermen were fined each \$20, or in default three weeks' hard labour, when they appeared yesterday before the Marine Magistrate, Cmdr. T. C. Stiff, on a charge that they had anchored their boats in the Tat Hong Channel.

EFFECT OF EVACUATION ON PROPERTY OWNERS

Profit Decrease Reported At Humphreys Estate Mtg.

"THE EVACUATION OF WOMEN FROM THE COLONY IN JULY LEFT US WITH A NUMBER OF EMPTY TENEMENTS and, in the case of our Kowloon properties, we felt it right to grant special reductions in rental to those tenants who wished to retain their flats notwithstanding the evacuation of their families," said Mr. D. E. Clark, Chairman, who presided at the annual ordinary general meeting of shareholders of Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., held at the Jacobean Room, Hongkong Hotel, yesterday morning.

Among those present were Messrs J. Scott Harston and J.M. Alves (directors) W.C. Lee, W.J. Henson, C.A. Brown, T. Ramsay, L. Kadoorie and P.C. Potts.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

In presenting his report the Chairman said:—

Gentlemen,—I regret that the result of the year's working is not so favourable as the preceding year, the profit of \$181,272.64 being in round figures some \$20,000 less. The evacuation of women from the Colony in July left us with a number of empty tenements and, in the case of our Kowloon properties, we felt it right to grant special reductions in rental to those tenants who wished to retain their flats notwithstanding the evacuation of their families. Expense items are generally higher and interest is up over \$7,000.

WAR TAXATION

War taxation appears for the first time in the accounts under the heading Property Tax. This amount, viz., \$11,336.48 is for nine months only. The amount payable for the full twelve months, i.e., up to March, 1941, being \$15,116.30.

A donation of \$5,000 was made to the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund and we feel sure this will meet with your approval. Items in the Balance Sheet are very similar to the previous year with the exception of Investments which have been reduced by \$48,150. There was a small loss incurred by the sale of these of these \$2,094.50.

We have no building programme at the moment, although we have a large area of land in Argyle Street undeveloped. When normal conditions prevail the development of this area will have to be considered.

ALLOCATIONS

I do not think there are any further matters to which I can usefully refer and I now propose that the amount available for appropriation be allocated as follows:—

Pay a dividend of 4 per cent on 200,000 shares, \$40,000; Transfer to General Reserve, \$25,000; Transfer to Building Improvement Account (bringing same up to \$75,000), \$3,027.50; Transfer to Special Repairs and Renewals Account (bringing same up to \$15,000), \$10,277.00; Carry forward, \$39,507.87. Total, \$217,812.17.

FOR THE 1 MAN IN 7 WHO SHAVES EVERY DAY

A Special Shave Cream—It's Not a Soap, Needs No Brush!

Daily shaving leaves many men's faces raw and sensitive. Yet, because of his business and social status, one out of every 7 men must shave every day.

To meet this condition, Williams has now developed GLIDER—a special cream for daily shavers. With no soap base, it's a complete departure from ordinary shave creams. No brush. No lather. Not sticky or greasy.

A superabundance of moisture is contained in this rich cream. It won't dry on your face. Applied with the fingers, it quickly softens each whisker. A protective layer is formed over which your razor glides. Off comes each hair at the base without scraping. Like a cold cream, Glider helps keep your skin smooth all day. Glider is the result of nearly 100 years' experience in making fine shaving preparations.

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BRYLCREEM

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All day long Brylcreem will keep your hair looking smart and well groomed. And all the time Brylcreem is also keeping your hair healthy. Buy a bottle. Use Brylcreem daily, and see how quickly your hair benefits in health and appearance.



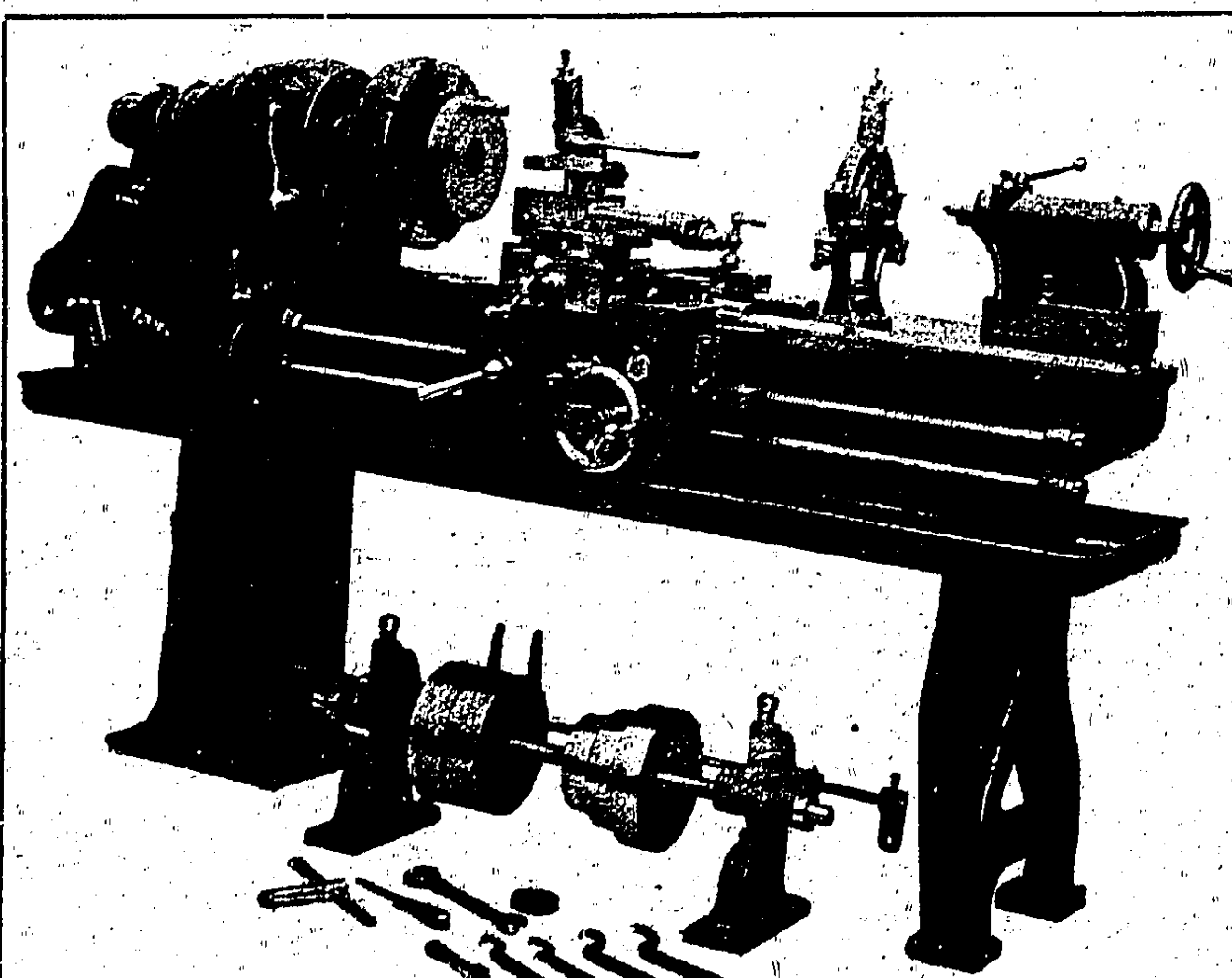
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What do you want?

If there is anything you want to buy or sell, try a small Classified advertisement in the Hongkong Daily Press.

25 words \$1.50 prepaid for 3 insertions.



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SHELL HOUSE, HONGKONG.

Finance and Commerce

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The market was featureless.

BUYERS
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1934), 93.25 Cts.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan, (1940), 93 Cts.
H.K. Banks, \$1405.
Bank of East Asia, \$76.
Canton Ins., \$215.
Union Ins., \$410.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$170.
Docks (N), \$17.50.
Docks (O), \$17.
Providents, \$57.
Lands 4% Debentures, \$97.50.
Star Ferries, \$56.50.
Lights (O), \$3.
Cements, \$17.50.
Ropes, \$8.50.
Entertainments, \$7.
Constructions (O), \$1.60.

SELLERS
H.K. Banks, \$1425.
Providents, \$58.00.
Realities, \$3.75.
Trams, \$18.20.

SALES
Docks (O), \$17.75.
Docks (N), \$17.
Trams, \$18.05.
Lights (O), \$0.15.
Electrics (O), \$40.25.

U.S. DEBT LIMIT INCREASED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (Reuters)—The Federal Debt Limit was increased to \$65,000,000,000 and Federal tax exemptions were removed from future issues of

\$1,000,000 RANSOM OBTAINED BY GANG

The activities of a well organized band of kidnapers, who participated in four major abductions recently and collected ransom money totalling more than \$1,000,000 were bared in the First Special District Court, Shanghai, recently when eight suspected members of the gang were remanded in custody for trial.

THE VICTIMS

Among the victims of the band, it was disclosed, were Mr. Sung Tsong-fang, a Chinese doctor; Mr. Sung King-chow, manager of the Nee Tai Shing Coal Company and Mr. Chen, owner of the Wei Tsung Hotel, Hankow Road who paid a ransom of \$350,000 for his freedom. Mr. Sung it was revealed, was held captive by the gang for two months and a ransom of \$3,000,000 originally was asked by the gang for his freedom.

The ringleader of the band was arrested by detectives of the Settlement police acting in concert with members of the French police in a Chinese hotel in Rue Lafayette. He admitted planning the four kidnappings, but denied actual participation in them.

Federal Government obligations by a vote of the House of Representatives yesterday.

COST OF LIVING IN BRITAIN UP

LONDON, Feb. 11 (British Wire- less)—The cost of living index figure in Britain, according to the Ministry of Labour figures, show a rise of 12 per cent. during last year.

At the beginning of 1940 the index figure was 74 per cent. above that for July, 1914, as compared with 55 per cent. immediately before the outbreak of war in the previous September. By March 1 the figure had risen to 79 and on July 1 had again risen sharply to 87.

It declined 85 on August 1 but by January 1 this year had risen to 96.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Feb. 11 (Reuters)—A general strength in gilt-edged and Indian irredeemable stocks on the mobilisation of India dated yesterday's market on the Stock Exchange.

Elsewhere, the market was quiet, the early buoyancy following Mr. Churchill's broadcast being mostly not fully maintained owing to the quietness of trading. Industrial issues were narrowly irregular and Home Rails attracted small buying while among foreign bonds Belgian and Japanese issues improved. Wall Street was firm.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1941.

SALES

Cements	100	\$17.50
China Lights (O)	100	17.75
300	6.15	
500	8.15	
500	8.15	
500	8.15	
450	8.15	
295	8.10	
H.K. Docks (O)	100	17.75
H.K. Docks (N)	200	17.00
H.K. Electric (O)	50	40.25
200	40.25	
200	40.25	
100	40.25	

3,195
*Sale on Monday, the 10th inst.
The total value is \$44,014.50.

Any Letters For You?

The following is a list of letters awaiting claimants at the Post Office:

American Export Co. Inc.; American Trading Co. Ltd.; B. L. Elder Anderson; Asiatic Trading Co.; Docteur Bazil; Cawajee Pallanjee & Co.; Central Mercantile Bank Ltd.; Chee Wing & Co.; Miss Rositta Chen; Mr. Stephen Chiao; China National Trading Corp.; Chinese Commercial Bank Ltd.; Miss S. Y. Chiu; M. I. J. Chrewh; Chung Ah Metal Works; Dr. Victoria Chung; Delta Trading Co.; Dong Hong.

Dzi Pen Ho, Commercial Iron Works Ltd.; Eastern Bank Ltd.; Edison Music Store; Foh Yuen Hat Co.; Mrs. W. Fox, c/o Mrs. T. B. Brown; Gates Holsted; Elip Yan "Tsun Kee"; H.K. Comforts Association; The President; H.K. Import & China Produce Export & Co.; H.K. Manufacturing Co.; H.K. Trading Co.; Hua Hsing Manufacturing Co.; Hua Hsing Commercial Bank; Jates Confectionery Co.; Kam Chuen & Co.

Kapok Knitting Factory; Koon Tai & Co.; Dr. Kwang Sheung Woh; Kweilchow Development Corp.; Latip Irawan; Rosario R. de Lay; Li Koon Chun; Liang Sin; Luson Cheong & Co.; Messrs. Man Lee & Co.; Yates McDaniel; I. E. M. Morrison, c/o British & Chinese Corp. Ltd.; National Industry Co.; National Supply Corp.; New Zealand Co., Ltd.; Ngai Kwan Bros. Co.; Ngain Cheong Shirt Co.; Andres Phan Sam Yen; Ping Yuen Knit Co.

Dr. Eddy Raye; Shanghai Underwear Co.; Sino-British Trading Co.; Herald Southern; J. L. Stewart; Suen Faith & Co.; Miss Ane Thomson; Towka & Co.; Tu Shing Loong; Tung Cheong Hing; Tung Yung Trading Co.; U.S. Far Eastern Trading Corp.; H. Walla & Co.; Hon. Lingoh Wang; Walter C. Weston; B. F. Wong; Kwang-tung Chemical Works; Mrs. Ela

BERLIN DENIES FOOD CRISIS THREAT

The European continental food situation, especially in the German-occupied territories, although serious, is not considered critical by the Reich's food experts. They believe that some continental countries may have to tighten their belts further but that a short-range adjustment of supplies between the various territories forming part of the wartime economic bloc under German domination and a long-range rationalisation and shifts in agricultural production will prevent a major food calamity.

"The British starvation plan is utopian in respect to both Greater Germany and the whole of continental Europe," the authors of the report say. The authors of the report say that the Berlin Institute for Business Research, in particular German food experts believe that supplies from south-eastern Europe and Russia in excess of the Reich's own requirements will materially contribute to the alleviation of the food situation in North and West European occupied territories.

ATTITUDE SOFTENED

A significant change is observed in the attitude of leading German political and military circles toward the European food problem since summer. The original point of view, repeatedly expressed in the utterances of leading food officials and by the Nazi press, was that various occupied countries would have to stretch their own food supplies through the winter and that the Reich did not intend to assume responsibility for feeding them or snatching with them its own supplies.

Subsequently, when the grain harvest turned out satisfactorily and when authorities even claimed bumper potato and sugar-beet crops the original rigid attitude was manifestly softened. A change in policy might also have been prompted by a realisation of the undesirable political consequences that aggravation of the food situation might have for the Reich's military and political plans.

Reports have been current lately that sizable quantities of fodder and potatoes are being shipped from Germany to occupied territories and it was revealed semi-officially recently that Reich food authorities, prompted by the bumper potato crop, had agreed to supply occupied countries, notably Northern France and Belgium, with 1,000,000 tons of potatoes out of roughly 5,000,000 tons by which the 1940 crop exceeded 1939's. American aid, Nazis indicate, would be welcomed by the Reich Government and would be administered, without regard to race or politics in the hope of supplementing food relief already extended by Germany to occupied areas.

THE BERLIN ANALYSIS

In its analysis of the continental food situation the Berlin Institute for Business Research asserts that 90 per cent. of the food requirements of continental Europe, without Russia, are covered normally by local production, although this rough average obviously does not exclude great deviations for individual countries. The food self-sufficiency quota is lowest in the cases of Norway and Belgium, with 43 and 51 per cent. respectively. The Netherlands produces 67 per cent. and France 83 per cent. of food requirements locally, while Denmark with 103 per cent. theoretical self-sufficiency showed an export surplus of 3 per cent. in excess of its own needs, owing to its large peacetime exports of dairy products, meat and bacon.

The most vulnerable spot in the Continental food balance, as seen by the Institute's report, is Europe's dependence on imported fodder, fats and milk for children. Five countries under German domination, namely, Denmark, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium and France, imported in average during the last peace year 6,700,000 tons of grain, mostly corn and barley; 2,900,000 tons of oil cakes, and 765,000 tons of vegetable oils.

PAST "FALLACY" POINTED OUT
The German view as formulated by the Institute's analysis is that the food difficulties at present experienced in occupied territories, notably the Netherlands and Denmark, are caused by peacetime policies of inflating dairy and meat exports based on imported fodder, instead of paying greater attention to the possibilities of attaining food autarky by more

Worcester; Yu Loy Co.; Yung Ching Co.

REGISTERED ARTICLES

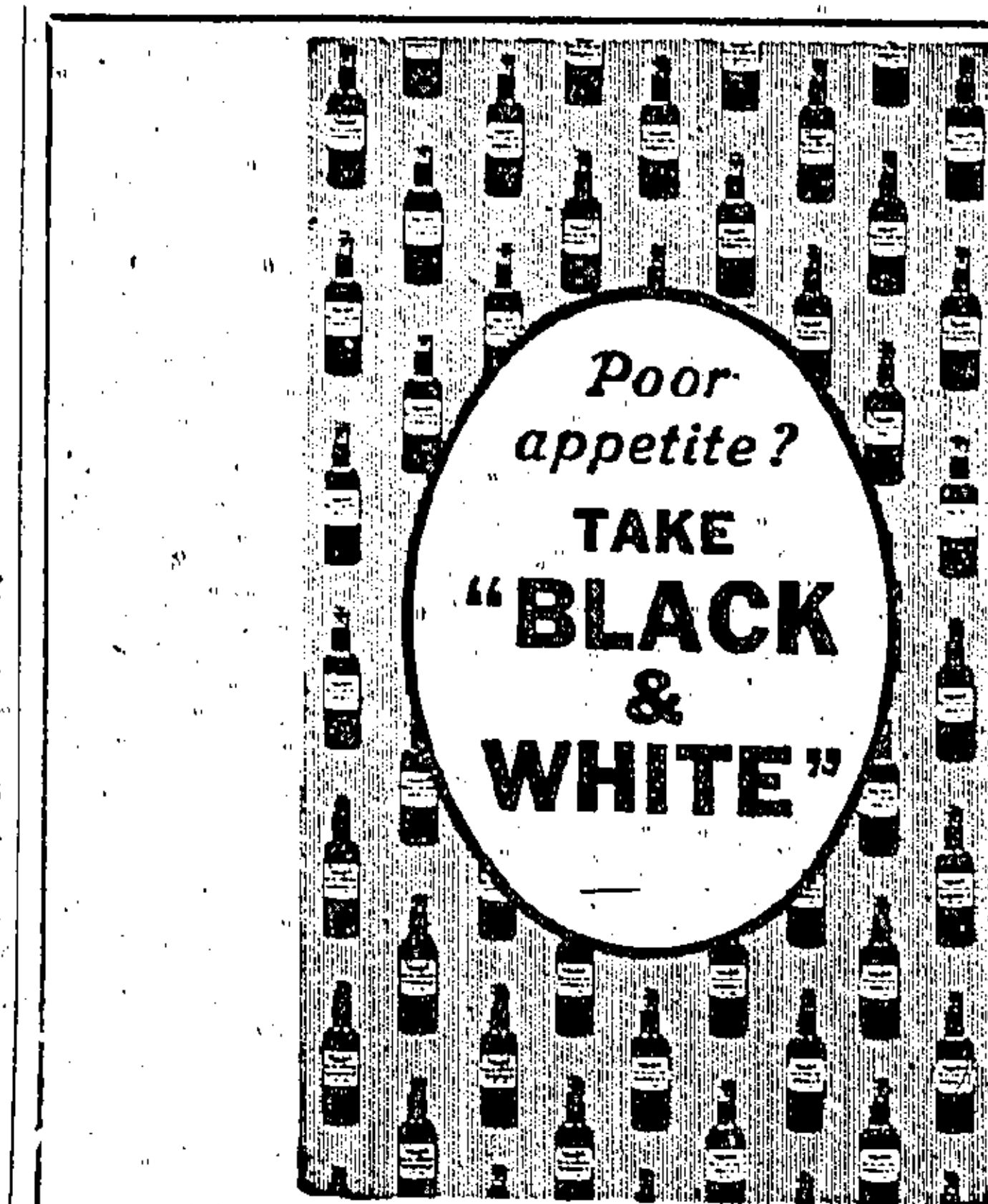
Burgoyne Bros. Mfg.; Chan Wing Sam; Miss Beniah Bassett; Federal Mercantile Co. (Parcel); Ronald J. D. C. Grive; Miss Emily Hahn; Liu Tche Tchung; Tse Hwa Transp. Co.

THE MAN WHO HAD AN IDEA

Frederick Stanley Toms, of Moor View, Honcy, Plymstock, retired from the Navy after twenty-two years' service with an exemplary record.

He was given a chief petty officer's pension, and they were glad to make him a storekeeper in the naval barracks.

He bought a \$300 car. A month later he was driving it near his house when two men halted him. What happened then was described by Mr. B. M. Stephenson



NO IF OR MAY BE
IT'S THE SCOTCH.

at Plympton Police Court recently, when Frederick Stanley Toms stood in the dock. The two men, he said, were Customs officers of the special inquiry staff from London.

They asked Toms if he had any goods on which the proper duty had not been paid, and he said he had. They found packages containing Navy tobacco and periques (tobacco made up like a sausage and wrapped in hessian).

HOUSE SEARCHED

The officers told him they proposed to search his house and he raised no objection. They found more tobacco there.

In a shed fitted up as a tobacco factory were a bench showing signs of many cutting operations, fourteen partly-made periques, a damping board saturated with nicotine, and other things.

Another examination of the car disclosed under the back seat a

concealed tray, empty but for a scrap of loose tobacco stem. Toms denied he had ever carried tobacco in it.

"This car has now been seized, and will be retained by the Customs," said Mr. Stephenson.

The officers also examined a car Toms had previously owned. They found that a box which was in the garage showed signs of having been carried under its bonnet.

"This is a very serious case," said Mr. Stephenson, "as Toms was taking advantage of his position to get tobacco out of the dockyard without paying duty."

Toms pleaded guilty. His counsel said he had already been punished by the loss of his job and his car.

But he was fined £225 on the Customs charges, and a further £5 on a summons for being in unlawful possession of Government stores.

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The following classes of advertisements are charged at the price given below:

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Announcements not exceeding 25 Words are inserted under this heading at a Pre-paid Rate of \$1.50 for THREE INSERTIONS. If Charges collected, \$2.00.

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FOR SALE.—As a Going Concern, the old established business of Messrs. C. E. Warren & Co., Ltd., Sanitary & Heating Engineers, with all Stocks, Property, Lorry, Goodwill &c. Apply for further particulars to Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews.

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WE PAY HIGH PRICES for all gold and silver articles, gold bars, diamonds and jewels. Apply China Gold Refining Co., Pedder Building, 2nd floor, Room 6.

WE OFFER HIGH PRICES for any amount of gold articles, diamonds, silver, jewels, etc. No holidays. Apply China Building, 7th floor, Tel. 30727. Eurasia Gold Refining Co.

WE PAY HIGH PRICES for all gold and silver articles. Jade, diamonds, jewels, watches, fountain pens. Apply Far East Diamond and Gold Refining Co., Room 621, China Building, 6th floor.

WANTED KNOWN

Why not learn all the Fancy latest stitches for your dresses and sweaters. **JOIN THE KNITTING CLASS** AT \$3.00 per month (Twice a week lesson). Please apply to Box No. 654 c/o H.K.D.P.

ORDERS TAKEN for hand-made sweaters, Ladies' jumpers, Babies' outfits, etc., at \$5.00 each for workmanship. Wool and model desired, to be supplied by customer. Send particulars of address, etc., to Box 502, H.K.D.P.

Experienced Book-keeper Wants Students to form a class. Guarantee students to keep a whole set of books after completion of a course of 6 months. For Term and Particulars. Please Apply to: Box No. 462 c/o H.K.D.P.

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FOR JADED APPETITES!

REAL RUSSIAN FOOD
Thrift \$1.00 • Dinner \$1.25
METROPOLE HOTEL

TEA DANCE DAILY
EXCEPT MONDAYS
5 to 7.30 P.M.

It pays to LEARN RADIO—not from books but by actual doing. Three evenings a week. All necessary equipments supplied. Write Box No. 69, c/o H.K. Daily Press.

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Photo Engravers
18, Cochrane Street.
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GREATEST COLLECTION OF BARGAINS IN TOWN!
at
LAMMEET'S AUCTION ROOM
Lambert, Brothers & Co., Ltd.
Road Central
Telephone No. 20221

EAT AT Jimmy's

TAILOR LAM SHU SHEK
334, Nathan Road, Kowloon, Tel. 57712.
Guaranteed delivery 1 suit in 24 hours notice and 6 hours for a pair of trousers.

BUTTERICK
Expert Ladies Tailor
New Style Ready Made Dresses, Overcoats and Costumes

FOR SALE
16, Wyndham Street. Tel. 23415

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No. 10 Wyndham Street, Established 1896. Hongkong.

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

FEBRUARY 11, 1941.

On London:—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8
Bank Bills on demand 1/2 7/8
Credits 4 months' sight

On Shanghai:—
On demand 430
On Singapore:—
On demand 52 3/4

On Japan:—
On demand 102 1/2

On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer 82 1/2
On demand 82 1/2

On New York:—
Bank Bills on demand 23 5/8
Credits 60 days' sight 24 3/8

On Batavia:—
On demand 44 1/4

On Paris:—
Bank Bills on demand Nom.
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.

On Saigon:—
On demand 102 1/2

On Manila:—
On demand 47 1/4

On Bangkok:—
On demand 149 1/2

On Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate Nom.
Bar Silver per oz. 23 6/18

Market Report

FROM ROZ BRO.

Tuesday, Feb. 11.

The price for Ready Silver rose 1/16 yesterday to 23.5/16 but the Forward rate was unchanged at 23.1/4. Silver buyers reported the market as being steady with a small business done. American Silver was quoted at 34.3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402.1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403.

MARKET

Quiet. U. S. Dollars were firm.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 February/April, buyers at 1/3.1/32 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

24.1/16 was offered at the opening. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 24.1/8, buyers at 24.1/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Sellers were quoted at the opening at 44. Business was arranged at various rates. The market closed with sellers at 44.2/12.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Opened with sellers of Sterling at 33/8 and closed steady with sellers at 32.5/8 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5.13/32 and closed with sellers at 5.15/32 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was dull in the afternoon.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 February/April, buyers at 1/3.1/32 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Closed with Sellers for Cash at 24.1/16, buyers at 24.3/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers for Spot at 44.2. Business was arranged at various rates. At the close there were sellers at 44.3/4, buyers at 44.4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling 32.5/8 for Spot were quoted at the opening. Last advice indicated sellers at 33/8 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5.15/32. Last advice indicated sellers at 5.17/32 for Spot.

SHANGHAI EXCHANGE

Shanghai, Feb. 11 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates

London 0/3-5/16
New York 5-1/4
Japan 22-1/4
India 18-3/4
Paris nominal
Hongkong 22

Sterling

Opening 0/3-5/16
Closing 0/3-5/16
Spot 0/3-5/16
Feb. 0/3-5/16
Mar. 0/3-5/16

U.S. Dollars

Opening 5-13/32
Closing 5-13/32
Spot 5-13/32
Feb. 5-13/32
Mar. 5-13/32

Shanghai

Opening 44-1/2
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Mar. 44-1/2

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NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Feb. 10, 1941.

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.39	10.36	10.37	10.39	.02 up
New York Rubber, March	20.02	20.00	19.90	20.02	.12 up
Chicago Wheat, May	82 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	1 off
Chicago Corn, May	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	unch.
New York Hides, March	12.65	12.49	12.47 1/2	12.47 1/2	unch.

NEW YORK COTTON

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	10.37 3/4	10.36 3/8	10.39 3/8	.02 up
May	10.35 3/8	10.34 3/4	10.37 3/8	.02 up
July	10.23 3/4	10.22 1/2	10.25 1/8	.02 up
October	9.74 7/8	9.74 1/4	9.76 1/8	.02 up
December	9.71 7/8	9.71b/72a	9.73 7/8	.02 up
January	9.68 7/8	9.67b/70a	9.70 7/8	.02 up
Spot	10.92		10.94	.02 up

Total sales Saturday—24,900 bales.

The first notice day for March Cotton is 25/2/41 and last day is 14/3/41.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	19.90 90	19.96b/20.05a	20.02 02	.12 up
May	19.80 80	19.81b/19.85a	19.92 83	.12 up
July (New contract)	19.62 62	19.62b/19.65a	19.74 74	.12 up
September	19.50 50	19.45b/19.50a	19.55 50	.05 up

Total sales—300 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	82 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	1 off
July	76 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	1 off
September	76 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	1 off

Saturday's sales—4,593,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	unch.
July	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	unch.
September	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	unch.

NEW YORK HIDES

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	12.47b/50a	12.52b/80a	12.47b	unch.
June	12.25b/32a	12.40 40	12.26 26	.01 up

Total sales for the day—88 contracts.

NEW YORK COCOA

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	5.25 25	5.31 32	5.34 25	.09 up
May	5.34 33	5.39 40	5.43 43	.10 up

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	2.00b/01a		2.00b/01a	unch.
May	2.05b/08a		2.05b/08a	unch.

Volume of business done—43 lots.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	7.12b/72a	7.07b/70a	6.87b/69a	.03 off
May	7.12b/76a	7.13b/74a	7.12b/72a	.03 off

Volume of business done—43 lots.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	11.50b/55a	11.44b/63a	11.45b/50a	.05 off
July	11.29b/35a	11.25b/35a	11.30b/38a	.01 up

N.Y. Official Silver unquoted

N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Jan. 10.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1952) 103 1/2

Defence Loan, 3% 101 1/2

London-Klondike Rly. 5% 13

Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) 44

Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47 42 to 47

Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908 45

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912 26

Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 34

Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers) 10

Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan 47

Honan Rly. 5% 16

Hokan Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue) 15

Sukwang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue) 13

Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913 14

Shan-Ning Rly. 5% 16

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.) 15

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.) 15

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 15

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 15

Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924 23 1/2-27

Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924 6

Chartered Bank (Ldn. Reg.) 80 1/2

H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.) 81 1/2

Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer) 13 1/2

Chosen Corporation 4 1/2

Mercantile Bank of India, 25, "G" 11 1/2

Pekin Syndicate 1 1/8

S'hai Elec. Constr. Co. 15 1/2

S'hai Waterworks "A" 13 1/2

Union Insurance 20

Gula Kalumpung Rubber Ldn., Mid. & Scot. Rly. 14 1/2

Great Western Rly. 34 1/2

National Bank of India 31 1/2

U. S. DOLLARS

24.1/16 was offered at the opening. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 24.1/8, buyers at 24.1/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Sellers were quoted at the opening at 44. Business was arranged at various rates. The market closed with sellers at 44.2/12.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Opened with sellers of Sterling at 33/8 and closed steady with sellers at 32.5/8 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5.13/32 and closed with sellers at 5.15/32 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was dull in the afternoon.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 February/April, buyers at 1/3.1/32 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Closed with Sellers for Cash at 24.1/16, buyers at 24.3/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers for Spot at 44.2. Business was arranged at various rates. At the close there were sellers at 44.3/4, buyers at 44.4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling 32.5/8 for Spot were quoted at the opening. Last advice indicated sellers at 33/8 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5.15/32. Last advice indicated sellers at 5.17/32 for Spot.

SHANGHAI EXCHANGE

Shanghai, Feb. 11 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates

London 0/3-5/16
New York 5-1/4
Japan 22-1/4
India 18-3/4
Paris nominal
Hongkong 22

Sterling

Opening 0/3-5/16
Closing 0/3-5/16
Spot 0/3-5/16
Feb. 0/3-5/16
Mar. 0/3-5/16

U.S. Dollars

Opening 5-13/32
Closing 5-13/32
Spot 5-13/32
Feb. 5-13/32
Mar. 5-13/32

Shanghai

Opening 44-1/2
Closing 44-1/2
Spot 44-1/2
Feb. 44-1/2
Mar. 44-1/2

Shanghai

Opening 44-1/2
Closing 44-1/2
Spot 44-1/2
Feb. 44-1/2
Mar. 44-1/2

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Adams Express	64	Loft Incorporated	16 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	21 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	28 1/2
Allis Chalmers	32	Martin, Glen L.	26 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	71 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	26 1/2
Amer. Can.	86 1/2	Montgomery Ward	36 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	34	M'tain City Copper Co.	34
Amer. & Foreign Power	17	National Aviation	9 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	14 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	18 1/2	National Distillers	21
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Lead	17
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	Nat. Fower & Light	6 1/2
Amer. Sugar & Ring Co.	41	National Supply Corp.	52
Amer. Suing Refining	14 1/2	New York Central	13 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	163 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	23
Amer. Tobacco "B"	70 1/2	N. American Aviation	15
Amer. Waterworks	6	North American Co.	15 1/2
Anaconda Copper	24 1/2	Northern Pacific	61
Atchison, T. & S. Fe.	22 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	44 1/2
Aviation Corp.	41	Pacific Gas & Elec.	27 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	15 1/2	Packard Motors	3
Baltimore & Ohio	33 1/2	Pan-American Airways	13 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	9 1/2	Paramount Pictures	11 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2
Bendix Aviation	35	Philadelphia Read. Coal	5 3/32
Bethlehem Steel	82 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	37
Bliss & Co.	19 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	28 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	18 1/2	Pullman Inc.	24 1/2
Borg-Warner	18 1/2	Pure Oil	7 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	22 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	41 1/2
Budd M'facturing Corp.	31	Reading Company, Com.	13 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	49 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	54 1/2
Case, J.I.	49 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	4 1/2
Celanese	25	Republic Steel	19 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	41 1/2	Revere Corp.	9 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	66	Reynold Tobac. "B"	33
Columbia Gas & Elec.	41	Safeway Stores	40
Commercial Credit Co.	30	Schenley Distillers	104
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	11 1/16	Sears Roebuck	72 1/2
Consolidated Edison	21 1/2	Shell Union Oil	11 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Socony-Vacuum Oil	9
Continental Can	38 1/2	Southern Pacific	9 1/2
Continental Oil	18 1/2	Southern Rly 5% pfd.	22 1/2
Copperweld Steel	—	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	32 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	8 1/2	Standard Brands	6 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A"	27	Stand Gas & Elec.	1 1/2
Deere & Co.	20 1/2	Standard Oil of California	19
Distillers Corp'n. Seagrams	17	Standard Oil of N.J.	34 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	69 1/2	Stone & Webster	6 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	148 1/2	Studebaker Com.	7 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	9 1/2	Swift International	18 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	32 1/2	Technicolor	8
Elec. Autolite	29 1/2	Texas Corp'n.	37 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	34	Texas Gulf Sulphur	36 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 5% pf.	55 1/2	Timken-Axle	30 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 6% pf.	63 1/2	Trans-America Co.	—
Elec. Power & Light 7% pf.	32 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	6 1/2
Flintkote	13 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	11
Gen. American Trans.	52	Union Carbide & Carbon	—
Gen. Electric	33	Union Pacific	79 1/2
Gen. Motors	44 1/2	United Aircraft	37 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	13 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	14 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	11 1/2	United Corp'n.	18 1/2
Glidden Co.	13 1/2	United Corp'n. 3% cum pf.	27 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	13 1/2	United Gas Corp'n.	13 1/16
Goodyear 5% pf.	62 1/2	United Gas Improvement	9 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	17 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	24 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	14 1/2	U.S. Rubber	20 1/2
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	26	U.S. Rubber 5% pfd.	87
Great Western Sugar	21	U.S. Smelting	60
Greyhound Corp'n.	114 1/2	U.S. Steel	62 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	69 1/2	Vanadium	29
Homestake Mining	43 1/2	Vultee Aircraft	7 1/2
Int Nickel	25 1/2	Walworth Co.	58 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	12 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	31
Int. Tel. & Tel.	24	Westinghouse Elec.	96 1/2
Johnsman	58 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	29 1/2
Kennecott Copper	35	Chase National Bank	31 1/2
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	36 1/2	National City Bank	26 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	23 1/2	Libby, Monell & Libby	7
Loew's Inc.	32 1/2		

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DETAILS OF MIGHT OF SINGAPORE FORTRESS: SECRECY RELAXED

SINGAPORE, Feb. 2.—Despite Singapore's increasingly important position in the empire defence scheme and the prospects that the United States fleet could be based here in the event of a Far East emergency, officials today relaxed their "hush-hush" policy regarding the great naval base and permitted correspondents to reveal some of the details of the defence might of the fortress.

Should the British war fleet ever move to eastern waters, it would find at Singapore every facility which it requires, from an extensive harbour, safe from enemy attack to docks where the biggest battleship could be accommodated for repairs and overhaul. Nothing has been forgotten, and a British warship would be as much "at home" at Singapore as at Devonport, Portsmouth or Scapa Flow.

DEEP WATER ANCHORAGE

The admiralty harbour extends all the way down the Johore straits from the causeway which joins the island of Singapore to the mainland to Changi point, on the east coast of Singapore, including the mouth of the Johore river. This provides more than 20 square miles of deep water anchorage, more than enough to accommodate the entire British fleet.

The base itself, several miles up the straits at Seletar, covers an area of four square miles. Towering over all are the masts of a naval radio station and as one goes up the straits the jib of a massive crane comes into view and the sides of the huge floating dock can be seen.

The facilities at Singapore base comprise a stores and victualling yard, repairing yard, rest and recreation facilities for personnel, medical facilities, and headquarters for the command.

SEAWALL AND WHARVES

Thousands of yards of seawall and wharves have been built with berths to accommodate several warships at the same time where they can take on fresh stores and fuel. Nearby are rows of store sheds capable of holding all the many and varied stores required for a large fleet which may be operating at sea for weeks on end without an opportunity of returning to port for supplies.

The victualling yard includes extensive air-conditioned and cold storage-chambers in which perishable provisions are kept. Enough food and other supplies for a small town are kept in store at the base.

Singapore is fortunate in being situated close to the oilfields of Borneo and Sumatra, but it is necessary to keep within the base, or near at hand, stocks of oil which can be drawn upon immediately when the need arises. It has often been estimated that oil sufficient to maintain the fleet for six months is kept in Singapore.

WATER SUPPLIES

Great mains bring the water supplies to Singapore and in the unlikely event these cease to function there are, actually within the boundaries of the base, two reservoirs which hold sufficient water for emergency supplies.

In the armament depot at the base are magazines holding stocks of all types of naval shells, mines and torpedoes. They are constructed in order to withstand a direct hit by a heavy bomb. These magazines can supply any man-of-war from a 15-inch gun battleship to an escort vessel.

There are more than 17 miles of shipyard space at Singapore equipped with cranes, engines, trucks, lighters and motor vehicles.

The repair yard provides facilities for the repair and overhaul of ships with a minimum of delay. There are two docks, one the King George VI graving dock, one of the biggest naval docks in the world, and the other the floating dock which was brought out to Singapore in sections when the work on the base was in its early stages.

HUGE DOCKS

These docks can take the largest battleship afloat, and the King George VI dock is extensive enough to accommodate the biggest ship in the world. The floating dock, which was built in Great Britain, and towed 8,000 miles to Singapore in sections is a self-contained dockyard. It has a displacement of 50,000 tons and has its own generating stations and workshops.

The King George VI graving dock required excavation of several million cubic yards of mud and earth before the foundations, which go down deep to hard rock, could be provided. It was a gigantic undertaking, requiring several years to complete. It is actually 1,000 feet long, 130 feet wide and 35 feet deep at the entrance. Once a ship is berthed inside the dock, the water can be pumped out in a very short time, leaving the underwater structure of the ship exposed for repairs.

Large blocks of workshops stand within the dockyard area. They are equipped with the latest type machinery for dealing with any naval repair job. Many European engineers and overseers, and thousands of Chinese, Indian and Malay artisans are employed by the admiralty in these shops.

FLOATING CRANE

Within the dockyard is a crane which can lift out of a warship a complete gun or boiler which may need repair. Smaller cranes are provided for removing other equipment needing attention and there is also a 150-ton floating crane which was brought out to Singapore soon after the floating dock arrived.

In each workshop there are travelling cranes and railway lines run into the shops to enable heavy equipment to be taken rapidly into that part of the dockyard where the repairs needed can be made.

Everything in the dockyard has been built to last and to stand up to the strain and stress which would be placed upon it by wartime operations in this part of the world.

Buildings have been constructed to give maximum protection against aerial attack, whether by high explosive or incendiary bombs. Every workshop is safe against blast and splinters, as secure as an air raid shelter in Great Britain which will stand anything but a direct hit. For vital points, of course, completely bombproof construction has been provided.

BEST AND RECREATION

The provision of rest and recreational facilities for personnel of

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Feb. 11.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.14 ins.

Temperature, 61 F.

Humidity, 88 per cent.

Wind Direction, E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.

Temperature: Maximum yesterday 72 F.

Temperature: Minimum last night 60 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 p.m. today, 0.02 ins.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 4.08 ins.

Against an average of 1.85 ins.

Sunset tonight, 6.18 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.57 a.m.

4 p.m., Feb. 11.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.02 ins.

Temperature, 63 F.

Humidity, 86 per cent.

Wind Direction, 0.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.

Maximum temperature, 63 F.

Minimum temperature, 60 F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 12 to 18 Feb. 1941.

Days of Week	Date	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Wed.	12	10 08	4.9	15 07	0.5
		21 34	7.6	15 07	0.5
Thurs.	13	10 42	5.1	0 27	0.5
		22 19	7.6	15 51	0.5
Fri.	14	11 18	5.4	05 33	0.5
		23 07	7.3	16 37	0.5
Sat.	15	11 55	5.6	06 37	1.0
		23 57	6.7	17 37	2.1
Sun.	16	12 37	5.7	18 33	2.2
		00 54	6.9	06 47	2.1
Mon.	17	13 34	6.9	19 27	2.4
		02 00	6.1	07 34	2.6
Tues.	18	14 16	6.9	20 57	2.5

ships using the base has not been neglected and the fleet shore accommodations can house thousands of men. They are among the best designed tropical barracks in the world. Sport grounds are not far away while a modern swimming pool is within a stone's throw of the men's quarters.

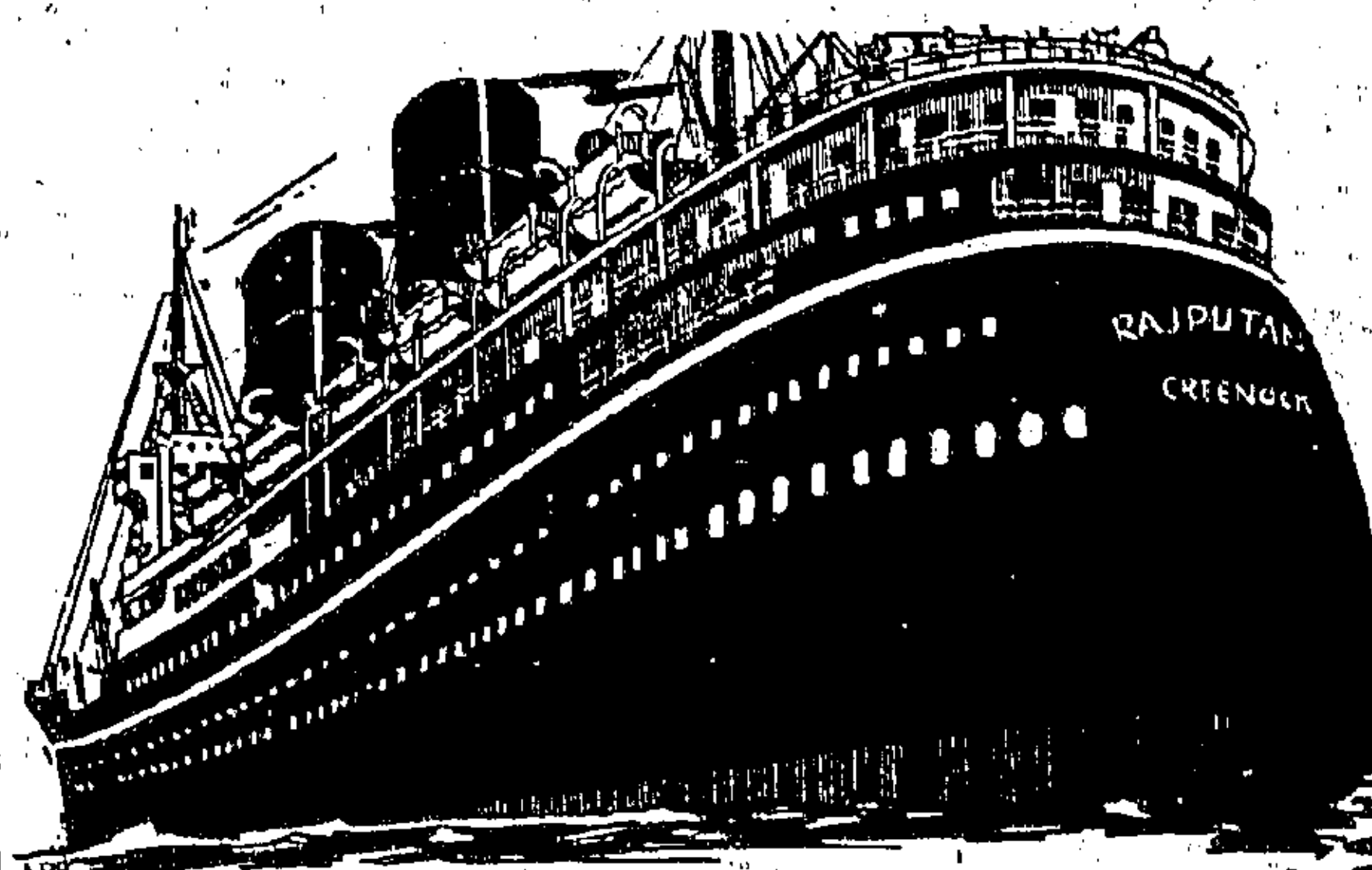
Apart from facilities for ships, the naval base also provides headquarters for the command, with rapid communications with the admiralty in London and naval stations and ships in all parts of the world. Highpower radio stations ensure the maintenance of naval communications and in addition, Singapore is well known as an important center for telegraphic cable communications.

Among the newest buildings at the base is the headquarters block which houses the commander in chief of the China station, the rear admiral of Malaya, and their staffs and the superintendent of the dockyard.

TO RELIEVE H.K.

When, with the growth in the size of capital ships and a corresponding increase in the requirements of the British fleet in the way of refitting and repairs, it became obvious that the naval dockyard at Hongkong could not be expected to continue to fulfill the role of the principal British naval base east of Suez, Singapore was chosen for its central situation. It stands at the crossroads of the East, commanding the trade routes between India and the Far East and between the Far East and Australia and New Zealand.

The base has arisen on a site which 20 years ago was a vast expanse of mud and mangrove swamp. The transformation has been brought about by the skill of civil engineers, reinforced by the advice of doctors and other specialists.



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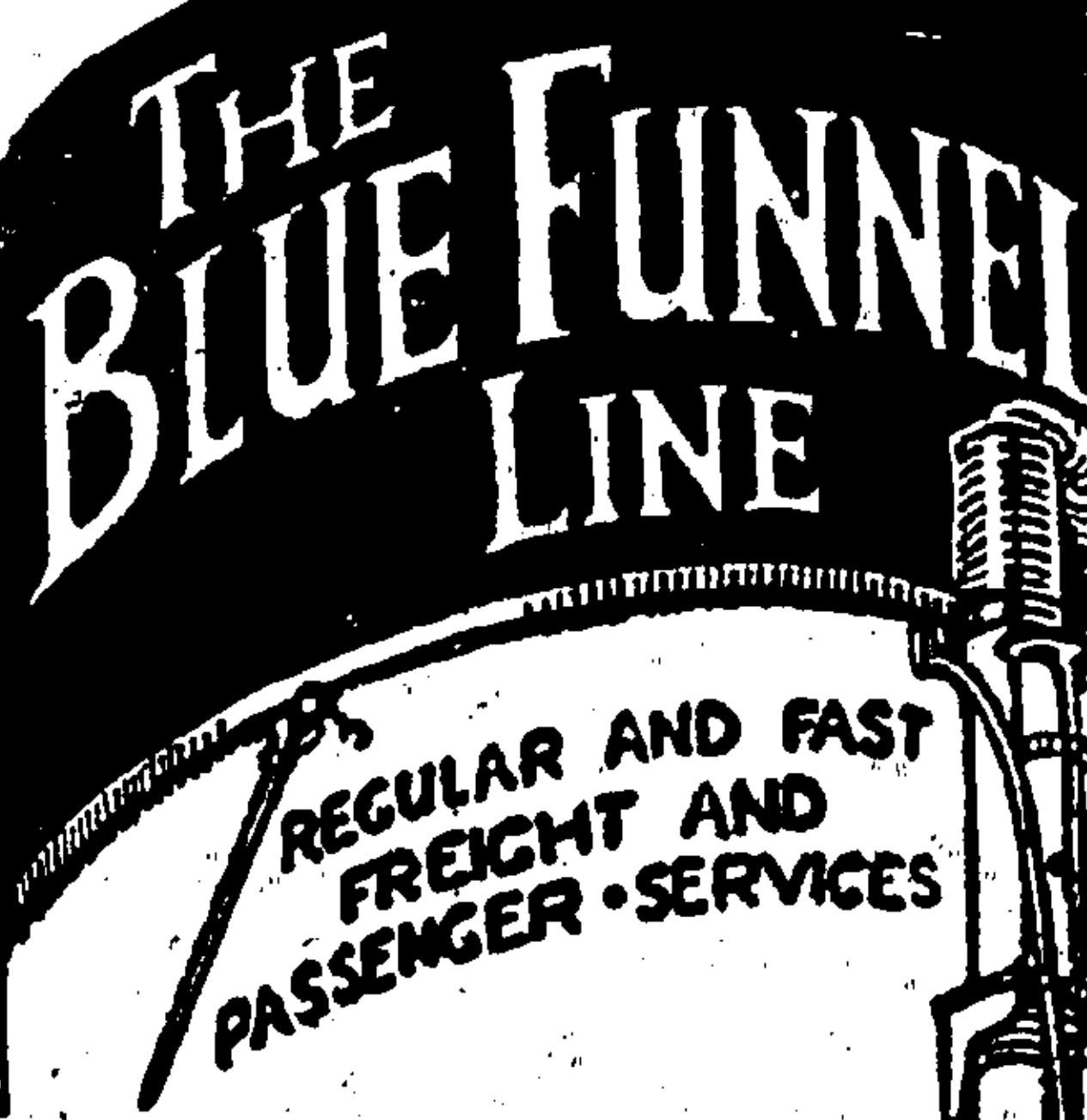
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NEXT FEW WEEKS WILL DETERMINE U.S. ENTRY INTO WAR

Administration leaders in Washington believe the next eight or ten weeks will tell whether the United States will be plunged into actual warfare against the Axis because of President Roosevelt's unprecedented programme to "guarantee" a British victory, writes Everett Holles, in the Manila Bulletin.

Actually it is war right now without any shots being fired—an alliance between the United States and Britain without any seals or signatures.

But Hitler knows, just as Washington knows, the United States cannot deliver an "avalanche" of arms to Britain before six months or a year and hence Hitler may attempt a knockout blow at Britain before United States' planes, guns, ships and tanks can be delivered in sufficient quantities.

60-40 FOR BRITAIN

I found high government officials acutely apprehensive lest a test of the British ability to survive come before sufficient aid arrives. Diplomatic, military and naval leaders told me they believe Britain will be able to turn back any German invasion.

One high official said the "odds on such a Nazi undertaking are easily 60 to 40 in Britain's favour."

But those close to President Roosevelt fear Hitler's surprise stroke may be even worse than an invasion—that he may try to knock Britain out by "total destruction" from the air for which Coventry and London bombings have been merely rehearsals.

ATTACK IN MARCH

This attack of "total destruction" it is believed in the United States may come after or simultaneously with a German invasion of Ireland sometime in March.

I can state on authority that the United States' new policy of all out aid to Britain is a direct result of Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles' explorations a year ago in Rome, Paris, Berlin and London.

Welles came out of Germany last year bearing what was tantamount to a blunt warning from Hitler that if the United States knew what was good for her she would keep her skirts clear of any entanglements such as aid for Britain.

WANTED 'VICTOR'S PEACE'

That was the aim of the "phony war" and reports reaching Mr. Roosevelt—some purportedly originating from Reich Air Marshal Herman Goering—that Hitler was in a mood to negotiate peace were heard time and again. These "feelers" even contended that Hitler was willing to step aside as

dictator if an equitable peace for Germany was devisable.

Welles learned that Hitler was willing to negotiate a peace but that—following the conquest of Poland—the Fuehrer wanted a "victor's peace."

In private conversation with Hitler, Welles listened to the Fuehrer paint a grim word picture of German planes reaching beyond Europe—a picture ranking the United States as a rival of Germany whether or not the United States entered the war.

Welles returned and Mr. Roosevelt flung down the challenge that there can be no reconciliation between the Axis "tyranny" and the democratic way of life.

HITLER MUST FIRE FIRST SHOT

The barricade had been thrown up but there had been no shooting.

But in this race against time to arm Britain, the United States will undoubtedly be compelled to take bolder steps than any disclosed thus far.

The administration's programme is being pushed ahead on the principle that if shots are to be fired it must be Germany who fires the first one.

REASONS FOR WAR

What developments might drive Hitler to declare war?

1. Use of American warships to convoy arms shipments across the Atlantic.

2. Use of American merchant ships through modification of the neutrality law to transport war supplies to the British Isles.

3. Seizures and handing over to Britain of foreign merchant ships now tied up in United States ports.

All must be regarded as strong possibilities because they offer relief of Britain's most urgent needs—shipping.

WILL MOVE CAUTIOUSLY

But sources close to the President believe Hitler's anger will be tempered by such considerations as:

1. JAPAN—Whether he can count upon the Japanese to enter

COLONY CHESS TITLE

Another Win For Sequeira

C. M. SEQUEIRA beat E. ZIMMERN, runner-up in the Colony Chess Tournament last year, to score his second win in three games in this year's Colony Chess Championship.

The game was played last night at the Peninsula Hotel.

Zimmern resigned after about 20 moves.

K. Weiss won his first game in three when he beat D. E. de Carvalho in another Championship match.

The game lasted 70 moves and took only 1 hour and 50 minutes.

In the Colony Open Junior Tournament, Un Kwai-yung beat A. Kurrik.

In a Club Junior Championship match, A. C. Poupard beat F. A. Fabel.

BLICKLING HALL

LONDON, Feb. 11 (British Wireless)—The late Marquess of Lothian has bequeathed his Blickling estate in Norfolk and practically the whole of the contents of Blickling Hall to the National Trust which is considering the question of acceptance.

Blickling Hall, one of Britain's finest mansion houses, was erected early in the 17th century and stands in an estate of some 6,000 acres.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 11 (Reuter)—Mr. Yukichi Hayashi, who is charged with attempted murder in connection with the shooting at the Municipal Council's ratemakers' meeting on Jan. 23, has resigned all the 20 official posts he held here, according to the Japanese press.

the war under the triple alliance, which contains the loophole that Japan is obligated to fight only in the event of "attack" by the United States or other non-belligerents.

2. RUSSIA—Whether Hitler could feel sure of the Soviets who are at his back while meeting a new and powerful enemy in the west.

3. ITALY—Whether war on the United States might prove to be the move needed to break down Italy's wobbly war machine.

4. FRANCE AND SPAIN—Whether they might complete the already serious troubles between Germany and France and turn starving Spain from the Axis.

There is a deep conviction in circles close to Mr. Roosevelt that Hitler will move cautiously in taking the United States as a declared enemy and that Germany, for all her threats, is likely to stand for a vast outpouring of United States' aid to Britain before she declares war.

FOREIGN MAILS

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United Kingdom and Straits	25th Feb.

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For	Date and Time
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Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	
FRIDAY	
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MONDAY	
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Straits	G.P.O. Reg. 11.00 AM Ord. 11.30 AM 12.30 PM
WEDNESDAY	
Swatow	Wed. 19th 1.00 PM
THURSDAY	
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Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya	G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM 7.00 PM
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	
Manila, Batavia, Mauritius, Lourenco Marques, East and South Africa via Durban	
FRIDAY	
Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya	Fri. 21st 8.30 AM 2.30 PM
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	K.P.O. Parcels 4.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
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"CREDITORS' CLAIMS MUST BE PROVED"

A judgment of considerable public interest concerning the position of creditors who have not proved their claims in bankruptcy proceedings against a debtor was delivered by Mr. Justice Pedlow in the High Court in Singapore when his Lordship held that, in his opinion, the claims of creditors who had not proved their claims could and should be ignored.

The question arose out of an application by the Official Assignee who asked for certain directions in a bankruptcy matter concerning the affairs of Tay Kim Soon (deceased) whose estate realised more than sufficient to pay his creditors in full.

The important point to be decided by the judge was whether, in determining the "surplus" to which the bankrupt is entitled, provision is to be made for the creditors who have not proved and whose claims totalled about \$450 and, if so, whether interest is to be allowed on the amounts so provided.

Tay Kim Soon who was a partner in W. S. Bee & Co., was adjudicated bankrupt in 1937 and his share in an estate realised \$54,000 while the assets of the firm against which a receiving order was made in Feb. 1937 realised a sum of just over \$2,000. After paying, in full, all his liabilities a sum of over \$11,000 would be available for the benefit of his widow and children.

"The whole idea underlying the Bankruptcy Ordinance seems to me," declared his Lordship in a considered judgment, "to be that, if the creditor neglects his statutory duty to come and prove his claim, he has no claim in the bankruptcy."

"The Bankruptcy Ordinance is one which is to be administered with all reasonable speed and nowhere are the proceedings to be delayed for the sake of the creditor who has not proved his debt, except a slight delay necessary to enable a creditor, who lives at a considerable distance to come and prove it," stated Mr. Justice Pedlow.

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ACROSS

- Blot out
- A negative
- Tumble down
- States
- Colnide
- In a mystifying manner
- An art
- Grinning
- Vulgar show
- Sleep
- Animal killer

DOWN

- Finish
- Obturate
- Damp
- Tidy
- Witch's home
- Majestic
- Come out
- Souvenir
- Appears
- Court plea
- Lamenta
- Language
- Remains
- Sporting fixture
- Carpentry item
- Bill of fare
- A negative

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